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**Vandals attack First World War memorial  
in town centre - see page 8.**

**Welsh Veterans' Awards launched.  
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## Porthcawl drug dealer jailed for seven years



Thomas Hughes.

A PORTHCAWL drug dealer has been jailed for seven years after officers found thousands of pounds worth of cocaine in a safe.

Thomas Hughes (64), of Porthcawl, was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court on February 14 for possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of class A cocaine and money laundering.

His accountant Joanne Hughes-Bassett (45), of Porthcawl,

received a suspended sentence of 14 months for a money laundering offence.

They both pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing.

As part of Operation Delta, officers from the Organised Crime Unit in Bridgend, along with the Porthcawl Neighbourhood Policing Team, carried out drugs warrants at three address in Porthcawl, on March 23, 2018.

A large amount of drugs and money were found in a safe inside a property rented by Hughes. Officers seized £30,000 in cash from the property along with 800 grams of cocaine which has an estimated street value of between £32,000 and £80,000.

Hughes was arrested and messages on his phone revealed conversations between him and accountant Joanne Hughes-Bassett.

The messages showed the accountant was attempting to buy a property in Porthcawl which Hughes would then rent from her.

Hughes-Bassett was arrested on suspicion of money laundering and in interview disclosed that Hughes had given her a large sum of cash. A search was carried out at her home address in Porthcawl in April, 2018, where officers found £40,000 in a box which was in a cabinet in the hallway.

The pair will be subject to a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing in the next few months.

After sentencing, Acting Detective Chief Inspector Dean Taylor said: "Illegal drugs have a devastating impact on our communities, inflicting misery upon users and their families, and local residents. Today's sentence is a positive result and sends out a clear message to those involved in this type of criminality that we will take action against them."

## Porthcawl relieved as public loos re-open



Photo by David Swindenbank

**THE public conveniences on John Street in Porthcawl have reopened.**

Now maintained by Porthcawl Town Council, the loos were closed by the borough council following a round of cutbacks.

After preparation and cleaning, Cllr Norah Clarke, Mayor of Porthcawl, formally reopened the toilet by cutting the ceremonial toilet paper ribbon.

Cllr Clarke thanked all of those who helped make it possible and presented Cllr Jones with a trophy and original artwork as a token of thanks for making the toilets available to the people of Porthcawl and the town's many tourists and visitors.

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## Dancers are heading to the World Cup!

**EIGHT** girls from Prestige Acrobatics and Dance studio in Bridgend have been successful in winning a place at the Dance World cup in Portugal June 2019.

This is a fantastic achievement and they will be competing with over 12,000 other dancers from 56 countries around the world. The opportunity to represent Wales

in this competition is such an achievement for the girls, whose ages range from 7-13 years.

The girls attend a dance studio in Bridgend, which offers children an environment in which to learn dance, keep fit, make friends and learn to work within a team. The girls learn jazz, ballet and acrobatics while focusing on their ability to be the best dancer they can be.

There are a number of

Sue Farrell

opportunities to show support to the girls, and there are fundraising events being held between now and June. If anyone would like to attend an afternoon tea with the Ogmor Vale choir at Pencoed Rugby club on April 25, or a fun quiz night in Llandow village hall please do not hesitate to contact us at the studio.

*Wendy Williams, captain of the ladies bowls team with Monica Balkwill, chairman.*

THE ladies of the Masonic bowls team hold an annual coffee morning to raise funds for local charities and Porthcawl Stroke Club benefited from the money recently.

Wendy Williams, captain of the ladies' bowls team, presented a cheque for £350 to chairman Keith Duggan who was

extremely grateful, as it is not the first time the ladies have supported the Stroke Club. Their generosity is much appreciated and members expressed

their sincere thanks. There was another surprise for the Porthcawl Stroke Club for all Gavin & Stacy or Stella fans. Ruth Jones paid the group a short visit, speaking to all the members individually and then brought in sandwiches and cakes. What a wonderful surprise it was – it certainly lifted spirits!

Anyone who wishes to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club can contact Keith and Mary Duggan on 01656 773376.

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## Local WI celebrate

**MYNYDD Cynffig WI held its second meeting of the year on February 10 at the Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill, chaired by Christine with the minutes read out by Katherine.**

Enid informed our members of forthcoming events including a Link evening organised by Newton WI in April, which promises to be an enjoyable event.

Members celebrated the 69th year of the forming of Mynydd Cynffig WI with a glass of wine and a piece of cake baked by one of the members.

They were entertained by Ray Miller, who showed members how to make flowers out of serviettes and they all succeeded to some extent! Ray told the group a story of when he was asked to make several thousand of them for a carnival float, and members agreed they would need several months at the rate they were making them.

Next month, the speaker is Sylvia Bird and her topic will be 'Decorated eggs and jewellery'. CC

### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL FEBRUARY 27)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.*

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
21 Thur	07.43	10.8	20.09	10.7
22 Fri	08.27	10.7	20.49	10.6
23 Sat	09.12	10.4	21.29	10.1
24 Sun	09.53	9.9	22.13	9.5
25 Mon	10.32	9.4	22.53	8.9
26 Tues	11.17	8.7	23.44	8.2
27 Wed	-----	-----	12.13	8.0

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# Route revealed for new Porthcawl 10K

RUN 4 Wales has revealed the official route and partner of the inaugural Healthspan Porthcawl 10K.

Thousands of runners are expected on Sunday, July 7 for the new race.

The Healthspan Porthcawl 10K route has been devised by race director and double Olympic marathon runner Steve Brace.

It will start and finish in a festival atmosphere outside the Grand Pavilion and runners will race through Trecco Bay Holiday Park and Coney Beach Pleasure Park, before setting off on the second-half of their 10K journey.

Live music will give the runners a much-needed boost through John Street before they head out to Rest Bay and return to the Grand Pavilion.

Healthspan teamed up with event organisers Run 4 Wales last year. They also with more than 60,000 participants. The association also helped raise money for Ty Hafan following the successful #beatlwari initiative.

Steve Brace said:

"The last time Porthcawl hosted a top-class 10K event was back in 1994. I remember the day well as I not only raced, but I won in a time of 31.22!"

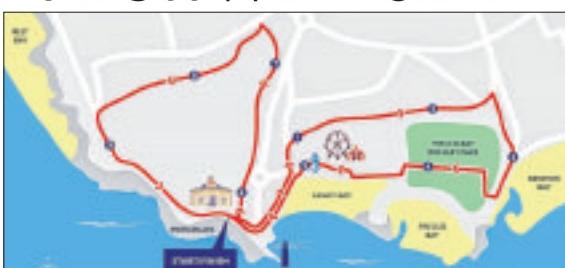
"I'm delighted to help bring road racing back to the town, and it promises to be an unmissable event. The fast route will give runners of all abilities an unforgettable experience and we can't wait for race day."

Cllr Charles Smith, BCBC cabinet member for education and regeneration, said:

"Following the success of the Senior Open Golf Championship and the Urdd Eisteddfod, we are keen to establish another exciting event that can raise the profile of Bridgend county borough and attract new visitors."

"As well as generating a lift for local tourism, the Healthspan Porthcawl 10k will also bring a fantastic feel-good factor with runners raising money for numerous good causes."

To enter, go to [www.porthcawl10k.co.uk/register/](http://www.porthcawl10k.co.uk/register/).



*The 10K route takes in scenic views.*

## WI are shipwrecked!

AS part of a coastal community, the members of Sker WI are only too aware of the power of the sea.

attention and imaginations of members. A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Owen.

In keeping with the night's nautical theme, this month's competition subject was Edward Lear's nonsense poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' (and their beautiful pea-green boat!). In first place was Greta Owen, second was Leslie Davies and in third place was Margaret Ashworth.

A vote of thanks was also given, on behalf of 35 members and one visitor, to Judith Morris, who did an excellent job of standing in for president Eunice Howell.

On Monday, February 25 Sker WI will host a Pancake, Welsh Cake and Beetle Drive at St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village at 7pm. Tickets £1 payable at the door. You can find out more at our Facebook page SkerWI@NottageVillage.

Christine Beynon

## LOCAL VALE LAW FIRM WINS TOP UK AWARD 'SUCCESS STARTS WITH A GREAT TEAM'



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# County borough is the second-fastest growing in Wales

IN terms of population size, Bridgend county borough was the second-fastest growing in Wales over the 16 years from 2001 to 2017 – with only the capital city growing at a quicker rate.

The figures from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) show that the county borough grew by 12.1 per cent, from 128,733 in 2001 to 144,288 in 2017.

Cardiff grew by 17 per cent – an increase of 52,668.

The ONS figures were revealed in a Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) report that aims to inform the council's deliberations as it prepares its next Local Development Plan (LDP).

Neighbouring local authorities grew by a smaller amount, with The Vale of Glamorgan (9.6 per cent), Neath Port Talbot (5.7 per cent) and Rhondda Cynon Taff (3.1 per cent).

By far the biggest element of this increase, says the report, is internal domestic migration – people moving into Bridgend from elsewhere in Wales or the UK.

The age profile of migration reveals that Bridgend county borough has experienced a net inflow in all age groups, with the exception of the 15–19 age group. The large net

outflow at age 15–19 is associated with the student population migrating out of Bridgend for higher education, with a smaller return flow recorded in the 20–24 age groups.

The net inflow of the 30–44 young family age groups is mirrored in the 0–14 age groups, as families have moved to Bridgend. A net inflow has been recorded in each of the older age groups (65+), contributing to an ageing population profile.

Over the 16 years, international migration has varied between a high of 468 and a low of 100. The high point, in 2007, is attributed to a spike in immigration from Poland. The majority of immigration has come from EU countries.

Unsurprisingly, much of the population growth is linked to new homes, and the figures show that an average of 491 have been built per year of the 2002/2017 period.

The report notes that the age 16 to 64 group has increased by 10 per cent, while the biggest growth has been in the 65+ group (36 per cent) and the 80+ group (34 per cent).

The 0-to-15 age group has actually fallen, down by one per cent.

Philip Irwin

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# Sandville volunteers and supporters celebrate 36 years of community support!



*Arthur Beale and the 'Sandville Scrubbers'.*



*Supporters enjoying afternoon coffee and cake.*



*Gwyneth and Danny with the anniversary cake.*

EARLIER this month, staff and volunteers at the Sandville Self Help Centre attended the 36th Thanksgiving Service, held as usual in All Saints Church, Porthcawl.

The annual event was very well attended, and the congregation was invited back to the Sandville for coffee and cakes.

Another Sandville tradition took place there, as Arthur Beale and his team presented Gwyneth Poacher with a cheque for £12,000.

This money is raised by the monthly charity quiz hosted at

Beale's Fish restaurant, and also by the proceeds of the Twelfth Night gala evening, which took place once again at the Hi Tide Inn in early January.

There was also a performance from the 'Sandville Scrubbers' – Arthur Beale and team – and this was greeted with wild applause.

There was a reminder of the Sandville's history, which started in the Sandville Hotel in Porthcawl, as a support group, before moving to its current home in Ton Kenfig.

Danny, who owned the hotel at that time, came back to pass on his good wishes and cut the anniversary cake with Gwyneth!



*The Neighbourhood Police team dropped by.*

## Young actors celebrate 20 years of Bridgend Youth Theatre



IT'S amazing to think that the Bridgend Youth Theatre has been producing quality shows for 20 years now, and the latest, Chorus Line, will be performed at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on March 1 and March 2.

The structure of Chorus Line means that around 17 performers have to take centre stage at one time or other in the show, to tell the story of their

own particular character.

In the lead up to the show, The GEM is introducing you to some of the cast, and today we feature the following young people:

*Back row (left to right): Lucia Brown (Porthcawl); Zak Rossaye (Pencoed); Courtney Taylor (Trehorcy) and Kara Morgan (Porthcawl).*

*Front row: Orla Danahar (Porthcawl) and Lili Mohammad (Ysgol Plasmawr, Cardiff).*

## There is still time to take part in #Defibruary

RESIDENTS and groups have been urged to share selfies with defibrillators in their local areas as part of a Wales-wide campaign to help people know where their nearest defibrillator can be found.

Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, reminded Assembly Members recently that this month is "Defibruary" throughout Wales.

The campaign, set up by the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust, has now spread to organisations, charities, sports clubs, and businesses, and has people and groups sharing selfies with publicly accessible defibrillators to raise awareness of their location.

She said: "Thanks to the work of charities, businesses and sports clubs, we now have even more defibrillators in Wales. However, in an emergency, it is crucial that we all know where publicly available defibrillators are within our communities."

"A defibrillator that no one knows about, or is locked inside a building at the weekends, can't be used to help save someone's life."



*Suzy Davies AM is participating in #Defibruary.*

Mrs Davies, who has long campaigned to see age-appropriate CPR and life saving skills taught to all children and young people as part of the curriculum in Wales, recently hosted a free CPR training session for residents at Bridgend Ravens' Brewery Field, and she urged people to do all they could raise awareness of where defibrillators are located.

"This Defibruary, take a photograph of your nearest defibrillator and share it on social media with #Defibruary. "Workplaces or organisations can also register their defibrillators with NHS Wales as a Public Access Defibrillator so it provides maximum benefit to communities. "These actions will help communities know where their nearest

defibrillator is in an emergency and we will be one step closer to making Wales a nation of life savers."

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# Februdairy is so moo-ch fun for young farmers!



## Turning Japanese in Pencoed!



**THIRTY** Bridgend pupils and more than 600 Sony UK Technology Centre staff came together recently to launch the Japan-UK Season of Culture.

Sony UK TEC's Pencoed site has hosted the first major event in Wales aimed at celebrating the achievements of the UK and Japan and showcasing their shared artistic, economic, cultural and technological successes.

The Welsh event, organised by the Embassy of Japan in the UK and Sony, is part of a wider global cultural exchange planned between the two nations

in 2019/20, with Japan hosting the Rugby World Cup this year and the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020.

As part of the global celebration, Sony UK TEC, whose headquarters are in Japan, welcomed children from Trelaels Primary School, along with Keith Dunn OBE, the Honorary Consul for Japan in Wales.

During the day, attendees discovered more about traditional and modern elements of Japan, thanks to speakers Mr Dunn and Sony UK TEC Director of Professional Services, Gerald Kelly.

Each group learned about creating traditional origami and

Japanese calligraphy art and took part in a Yukata dressing up activity, with a Japanese language workshop ending the day.

Mr Kelly said: "Japan's rich culture and ethos is highly influential in the way that we operate as a manufacturing facility here in Pencoed, and we believe that by adopting its innovative and progressive vision we have achieved greater global success.

"Ultimately, we believe that the values entrenched in Japan's technology, arts, and culture could be significantly beneficial to us here in the UK, and we are delighted to be playing a role in strengthening these links."

## Archeologist rabbits on with warren report

THE advertised speaker for the recent meeting of Bridgend and District Local History Society meeting was unwell, so the society's chair, Ian Hutchinson, stepped in at short notice with an interesting talk on the unlikely subject of the archeology of rabbit warrens.

He set the scene with the history of rabbits in Britain, from their dying out during the Ice Age through to their reintroduction under the Normans; and the management of rabbit warrens, or 'coney garths' from the Middle Ages up to the last century.

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He took us through Medieval recipes for spiced rabbit and the trend among the fashionistas of those days for rabbit fur linings to their clothes, which were essential in the days before central heating.

The main topic of the talk – the rabbit warrens – was equally enlightening as Ian showed us elaborate, man-made constructions managed by professional rabbit-keepers called warreners who oversaw, protected and ultimately culled them for their meat and fur.

He pointed out the remains of such warrens locally at Nash Point, Witches Point and Cefn Hirgoed and revealed how the rabbits had, over the centuries, broken out of the warrens and morphed from valued assets to agricultural pests.

The next meeting takes place on March 13 at 7pm in Carnegie House when Peter Richards will talk on the Neath Abbey Ironworks. Non-members are welcome to attend for a small fee.

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**BRIDGEND Young Farmers** recently got behind the national campaign #Februdairy to show their support for the hard-working dairy industry.

Club chairman Andrew Joseph organised a fun milk boat race, which involved two teams of club members lining up and each having to drink a half pint of dairy goodness in turn.

The winners were the first team to have all emptied their glasses. After a very competitive battle, fuelled on by lots of chanting, giggling and encouragement, Team B were victorious.

This light hearted and jolly event raises awareness of a serious campaign that is doing a fantastic job in highlighting the dedication and commitment of all those involved in the dairy

industry.

Rhys Lougher, a dairy farmer from Ty Tanglwyst Dairy, donated the milk and agreed to steward the race. There is a video on the Bridgend YFC facebook and twitter pages for anyone that wants to watch this highly amusing spectacle. You can enjoy the fun of this campaign by doing your own milk boat race and posting on social media with #Februdairy and by nominating others to do the same.

The last few months have been successful for several members of the club; Jonathan Howells of Bryncynan Farm, Maesteg, was named as the Glamorgan Farmers Club Young Farmer of the Year in the under-25 category and Lloyd Williams of Newlands Farm Margam, took the cup for the under-35 category at this event.

Rhys Edwards of Hendre Ifan Goch Farm in Glyn Ogwr won Young Learner Land Management and Production category at Lantra's 2018 Land-based Learner of the Year Awards.

Sweeping the board on a national level is Jacob Anthony of Cwm Risca Farm in Tondu, who was named the Farmers Weekly Young Farmer of the Year as well as taking the same title at the British Food and Farming Industry Awards during a ceremony held in The House of Commons.

As a club we are immensely proud of these significant achievements and wish these members continuing success in their farming careers.

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# Good news from Westminster for charities

SOME good news from Westminster for charities, I recently chaired a delegated legislation committee to amend the Small Charitable Donations Act.

To spare you the detail, the amendment proposed to change the rules to increase the claim a charity can make on a Gift Aid-style top-up payment from £20 - £30, up to £8,000 a year of small donations. Top up payments allow charities to make a claim when Gift Aid declarations, such as bucket collections, are not feasible or practical and are funded through public spending.

This may seem like a small change, but many small charities rely on these kind of small



## WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for The GEM.

donations from generous members of the public for a large amount of their funding and a small change like this can make a big difference to the functioning of charities. As such, this is a small but significant change that will make the environment in which charities operate easier to navigate.

As a result, these organisations will be able to focus more closely on the important work which they carry out in our communities. Although the headlines are dominated by big

issues, it is little changes like this which often affect the day to day lives of most people directly. An amendment like this will make the life of charities easier and their work more impactful, it is the small changes like this which are often the most rewarding elements of being a Parliamentarian.

For more information on this change please go to Parliament's website. beta.parliament.uk/work-packages/2Ok-p9loF.

## New opportunities for the auto industry sought

SUZY DAVIES is urging the Welsh Government to seek new opportunities for the automotive industry in Wales to help compensate for the threatened loss of jobs at Bridgend's Ford engine plant.

The South Wales West AM raised the issue with Brexit Minister Jeremy Miles at the Welsh Assembly.

She said that people are waiting "with bated breath" to learn whether Ineos will be bringing manufacture of its new vehicle to Bridgend rather than Portugal.

Ms Davies added: "It was concerning to hear the other day that, even if this work does come to the UK, it may not be enough to save the Ford plant. It's a plant, of course, that, being Ford, is also affected by the decisions of the

President of the United States and what he's doing in America to support industry over there, which is affecting the potential of both steel and car manufacturing here."

When she asked Mr Miles what work has done to identify the opportunities available for car manufacturers in Wales he said it was a key priority for the Welsh Government.

He said: "The investment that the Government has made in further upskilling the workforce in some of these companies is a significant attraction for businesses to Wales and in enabling these companies to compete within their own international networks for resources."

Ms Davies added: "It was concerning to hear the other day that, even if this work does come to the UK, it may not be enough to save the Ford plant. It's a plant, of course, that, being Ford, is also affected by the decisions of the

MP

The GEM approached motororing columnist and industry expert Hayley Pells of Avia Autos for

## Pupils' film nominated for national award

BUDDING documentary makers from a Bridgend school are in with a chance at the 'Into Film Awards' in London next month.

Students from Ysgol Bryn Castell worked with Film Cymru to create a short film about democracy, which has been nominated in the 'Best Documentary' category at a ceremony on March 4.

If you saw Porthcawl Comprehensive School's production of 'Oliver!' at the Grand Pavilion, you may have noticed that the school Health and Wellbeing Committee was also collecting there on behalf of the Bridgend Foodbank.

Thank you very much to everyone who brought in donations, we were absolutely overwhelmed by support from parents and families connected to school, and from the wider community as a whole.

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# 'Support local journalism – it's good for democracy'

THERE have never been more ways to access the news.

But newspapers – accountable, properly researched journalism, paid for by the cover price and the adverts opposite the story – are under immense pressure.

Last week, the Cairncross Review into the future of the press painted a vivid picture of the challenges facing high-quality journalism in the UK.

Most people who read news do so online, including 91 per cent of 18 to 24 year olds. Money made through advertising has also shifted that way, mostly into the hands of Google and Facebook. A quarter of all local newspapers closed in the past decade and the number of journalists dropped by six thousand.

The Cairncross Review makes clear that one type of news we cannot do without

is public interest journalism. And that is exactly what this paper, as well as hundreds like it across the UK, delivers on a weekly basis. Journalism is unique because its decline wouldn't just have financial implications for the companies involved, but would have serious democratic costs too. Research has shown that people in areas with no local daily paper are less engaged with local elections, with less trust in local institutions.

The Review proposes how to put our media on a stronger and more sustainable footing. One of the recommendations is for a doubling of the journalists funded through the Local Democracy Reporting Service.

This excellent £8 million a year scheme funds 150 reporters embedded within regional and local papers. Around 850 local media titles are now signed up. I

recently met some of their reporters who so far have produced 50,000 stories between them, all which otherwise wouldn't have been heard. They're holding local power to account and shining a light on the important issues in local communities.

We mustn't find in 10 years' time that trustworthy news sources have disappeared with

our democracy damaged as a result. So we will carefully consider the Review's recommendations, looking at ways to preserve and nurture quality local reporting and to support the transition of the industry from print to digital. We've already announced that we will conduct a review on how online advertising is regulated in the UK. I believe

wholeheartedly that journalism should be accessible to as many people as possible and that the press industry can overcome its challenges. But everyone needs to play their part in ensuring the press has a sustainable future. And that includes local people supporting their local paper too.

Jeremy Wright,  
Culture Secretary

## The Ed Evans Foundation is set to close

AFTER 12 years of fundraising, more than half a million pounds raised and lots of memories, a decision has been made to close the Ed Evans Foundation.

The Vale charity was set up by Ed in 2006 after he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Ed, who was brought up in Marcross, died from the disease in October 2007 at the age of 27.

The charity raised funds for cancer research and supported people living with cancer.

Ed's mother Sue, who still lives in Marcross and who ran the charity with help from her family, was this week coming to terms with the decision.

She told The GEM: "It has been a difficult decision to make but I think we have achieved over and above what Ed expected. I think he would be proud of our achievements."

"The foundation was established more than 12 years ago and the committee, with the approval of the trustees, has decided to draw it to a close.

"The cause was founded by Edward himself and with support from family and friends, it has raised in excess of £500,000."



Ed Evans with his mum Sue at his charity ball held at Sophia Gardens in 2007, six months before he died.

organising the many events had been rewarding, it had been tiring too and now was the right time to close the charity.

She has been sending out letters to the foundation's hundreds of supporters informing them of the decision and thanking them for their support.

Sue said: "The foundation would like to say thank you for the continued support and generosity given by so many people over the last 12 years. If people would like to share any memories, we would love to hear about them on our guest book at www.edevansfoundation.co.uk."

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## Bridgend Quiz League results and teasers

THE results from the Bridgend Quiz League for February 18 are as follows:

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Nomads 45, Laleston Inn A 29; Five Bells A 39, Crown Maesteg 49; TyRisha Arms 41, Mackworth Arms 41; Oddfellows Arms 29, Cabo Roche 51; Six Bells Clanglers 45, Five Bells B 40; Laleston Inn B 30, Chatterton Shunters 62; Prince of Wales Cochchurch 46, Pheasant Gamekeepers 48.

Here are this week's teasers:

1. Caesar and Cleo were the early stage names of which married 60s singing duo?
2. In which European city are the Tivoli Gardens?
3. How much is it now possible to win on ITV's Tipping Point?

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Answers:  
1. Sonny and Cher.  
2. Copenhagen.  
3. £20,000.

## Sixth form careers fair is a success

LAST month Brynteg School hosted a sixth form careers fair, we would like to thank the many local businesses who took part in the event.

This month, our religion, ethics and philosophy department hosted a sixth form revision conference. We welcomed Mark Lambe, who has knowledge and commitment with the subject. Mr Lambe has worked in education for 20 years in various roles and he is an author of various textbooks.

Also, our year 7 pupils recently had the opportunity to listen to Phil Steele, a sports broadcaster. He visited the school to talk about his experiences of dealing with mental well-being and the importance of exercise.

Jen L Davies

## Appeal after traffic collision

SOUTH Wales Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious injury road traffic collision at approximately 6.50pm on Friday, February 15 on the A4229 South Cornelly by-pass.

A grey-coloured Peugeot 208 and a blue coloured BMW 330D were involved in the collision and the driver of the Peugeot, a 30-year-old man, was conveyed to hospital with life threatening injuries.

The road was closed for

approximately six hours to allow for investigation work to be carried out, and the Police would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding during this time.

South Wales Police would like to speak with any witnesses to the collision, any person who may have dash cam footage of the incident or anyone who witnessed the manner of driving of the Peugeot or BMW prior to the collision. Contact the Roads Policing Unit at Lakeside Police station on 101 quoting occurrence 1900057440.

# AM's flytipping fears after collection charge plans are announced

**REGIONAL AM** Suzy Davies has said that plans by Bridgend County Borough Council to increase charges for the collection of bulky household items like furniture could lead to an increase in fly tipping throughout the area.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies said that the proposals would see charges for these items increasing from £15.50p for three items to £20. The cost for each additional item will rise from £5 to £6.70p.

She said: "There has already much adverse publicity in the national press about the state of our Welsh countryside with pictures showing huge swathes of old furniture and similar items dumped in all counties – yet Welsh Government makes a virtue of its recycling record."

"Bridgend County Borough, like other councils, has a problem with fly tipping so I'd be keen to see its impact report on these proposals. It's not exactly unforeseeable that increasing these charges will, in the end, prove counter productive. Has it assessed the costs of an increase in the number of lorries and workers dedicated to extra journeys along our country lanes to pick up illegal fly-tipping? Volunteers working for the Llynfi Rivercare group do wonderful work cleaning up river banks in

Maesteg, but they are already contending with fly tipping on a large scale.

"Anything which will increase the likelihood of unprincipled and irresponsible people dumping items either on our hills or in our rivers, because they cannot or will not pay these charges, needs to be avoided. It seems to me to be inherently unfair that responsible, civic-minded citizens who pay the council to collect these items are being penalised while the others escape scot free leaving everyone else to pay to clear up the mess they leave."

"I will be asking the council what steps they are taking to apprehend illegal fly tippers in the borough. There have to be consequences for them if they indulge in this anti-social behaviour which despoils our landscape and impinges upon wildlife, which is often affected. Pictures in the national press showed wild ponies grazing among plastic bags and other debris in parts of Wales."

Mrs Davies is also concerned that proposals to increase charges for collecting garden waste could also penalise older citizens. The council proposes to increase charges by £10 a year to £38.30p for most householders and £34 for those with concessions. The GEM approached BCBC for a response, but none was received.

# National database for safer taxi licensing is welcomed

**COUNCILLORS** in Bridgend have supported proposals for a national database of taxi drivers and private hire operators which would allow local authorities in Wales to share information on whether drivers have had their licences suspended or revoked.

At the moment there is no legal requirement for councils to share information with one another which might help them make decisions when they issue licences.

Local authorities set their own licensing standards leading to fears some drivers are applying for licences in areas where standards are lower, and then operating in areas whose standards they do not meet where enforcement action cannot be taken against them.

There is no legislation which enables a council to take enforcement action against a driver licensed in a different local authority.

The proposal for a national database is one of several major changes on licensing taxis being looked into by the Welsh Government. It wants to reform the legislative framework which governs taxis and private hire vehicles as some existing laws date back to 1847.

Other government proposals would allow councils to take enforcement action against any vehicle operating in its area, create national standards for all councils and take licensing functions away from local authorities altogether by creating a new national licensing authority.

Licensing policy officer Daniel Cook told councillors at a recent Bridgend Council licensing committee:

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

# Bridgend garage nominated for a top apprenticeship award

A BRIDGEND garage has been nominated as Apprentice Employer of the Year for the first-ever Gower College Apprenticeship Awards to be held in Swansea.

Hayley Pells of Avia Autos in Bridgend said: "We are thrilled to receive this nomination from our training provider XR Training in Pyle, with whom we have enjoyed a successful relationship for over a decade."

"The investment of apprenticeship training is a long one, typically apprenticeships last between three and four years, and we will be taking everyone to the garage to the event."

"It is a wonderful opportunity to thank them for their hard work which has ultimately gained the workshop this recognition."

No stranger to employment awards, Avia was awarded the Chwarae Teg Exemplar Award last year with Hayley herself reaching the finals for the annual Chwarae Teg



Leadership Award for Entrepreneurial Award her services to diversity for Womenspire 2019. Within her industry.

Hayley said: "I feel humbled to be nominated again. After attending last year's event as a finalist, I really got to understand how many inspirational women we are adding to our strength have working in Wales to our commitment to encourage women into our sector. It has made a real difference to the level of interest we now have from young women looking for a career in the automotive after market."

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Hayley said: "It is wonderful that after working so long in the industry, I feel privileged to be considered for an award."

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Photo by MCJ Journalism

# Wales and England are ready – and so is mascot Jack

A LLANTWIT Major youngster is preparing for the biggest day of his life this Saturday when Wales play England.

Jack Robson is the Welsh mascot on the day and will be leading the team out with the captain Alun Wyn Jones. It is the biggest Wales v England clash for years, coming in a World Cup year and with Wales on a record-equalling unbeaten run of 11 matches.

Jack's mum Leah, who is originally from Barry, said: "Jack is starting to get nervous and excited. I'm very excited too. I can't wait – I'll probably be a blubbery mess!"

The family still can't believe

him a Welsh Rugby Union membership for his birthday and then entered a prize draw for the chance to be the match day mascot and he was the lucky winner.

Leah said: "We keep thinking how many thousands of youngsters have the WRU membership and Jack got picked!

"It's really nice for him. He's a quiet, good lad who tends to stay in the background."

Jack plays for Llantwit

Major rugby under-12s and was congratulated on the honour at a recent training session by local Wales international Josh Navidi.

In fact, Navidi has been in outstanding form and could play a key role in the outcome of the match on Saturday.

The family is being given

VIP treatment on the day by

the Welsh Rugby Union. Jack, Leah, dad Ben and grandmother Tracey have all got free tickets and will have a grandstand view as the drama unfolds.

Saturday will be hectic day in the Robson household. Leah explained: "I'm employed as a district nurse in Cowbridge covering the western Vale and I'm working that day. I'm being allowed to leave early at 12 noon – they've been really good to me at work."

"A WRU tour guide will meet us and give Jack his Wales kit and then take him down to the tunnel. He will even be allowed to go out when the players are warming up."

After the warm-up, the players then go back into the dressing room for final preparations

before assembling in the tunnel. At around 4.35pm Jack will walk out with Alun Wyn Jones and line up for the national anthem. The match kicks off at 4.45pm.

Leah said: "He's been practising the national anthem for the last few days." The Robson family last attended an international in the autumn when Wales beat Tonga, but expect the atmosphere on Saturday to be something else.

Leah added: "It's a huge event. I get goose-bumps just talking about it. My advice to Jack is to take a deep breath and take it all in."

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# Further flood defence works for Porthcawl

THE next phase of Porthcawl's new flood defence works will be made public during an information session taking place in the town on Thursday, February 28.

The work will be at the western breakwater, eastern promenade, and Sandy Bay areas.

The drop-in session for residents will feature information boards outlining the results of preliminary

investigations, how the proposed defences are taking shape, and what the timescale for the project will be.

People will be able to ask questions and offer feedback on the proposals, which support Bridgend County Borough Council's wider regeneration plans for the town.

The drop-in information session will take place at the Grand Pavilion on Thursday, February 28, between 1pm and 7pm. Liz Bradfield, LDR.

# Club celebrates 'doctor bank' anniversary

THIS is the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Rotary Doctor Bank (RDB) of Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI).

David Morgan, a member of the Porthcawl branch, became president of RIBI in 1994 and it was his idea to have an RDB in RIBI. Last month, the club held a meeting at the Atlantic Hotel to celebrate the anniversary.

Mr Morgan ended the evening by presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship to Arthur Knight in recognition of his 10 years as Doctor Bank chairman.

# Vandals attack First World War memorial in town centre

**SOUTH Wales Police** are investigating after the damage was carried out on one of the soldier silhouettes placed outside the Job Centre in Market Street. Carolyn Webster, a county councillor for Newcastle ward, said she was disturbed to hear the head had been broken off.

She said: "I am deeply saddened that one of Bridgend's Silent Soldiers has been irreparably damaged. The nationwide project, led by the Royal British Legion was designed to say 'thank you' to the First World War generation who served this country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Sadly this follows a trend of military memorial desecration that we increasingly see across this country. From this incident locally in Bridgend, to the defacing of the Bomber Command memorial in London, and the removal of hands and feet from the Highland Light Infantry



memorial in Glasgow, I fear this latest act will not be the last we see in the UK.

"I hope the person responsible for this terrible act reflects on the price paid for the freedoms they have today, and the duty we as a nation have to carry that memory on."

Bridgend Town Council placed the two memorials outside the Job Centre in July 111.

## Chris Elmore says he will '... never leave the Labour Party'

**IN response to the news that** from earlier this week that eight Labour MPs have resigned from the Labour Party in protest at Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, and approach to Brexit and anti-Semitism, The GEM asked both Labour MPs – Madeleine Moon for Bridgend and Chris Elmore for Ogmore – in its patch for their thoughts.

Mr Elmore expressed his feeling of "sadness" at the events.

He said: "My overarching feeling following Monday's events is one of sadness - as it is whenever any friend

or colleague leaves."

The seven MPs are Chuka Umunna, Luciana Berger, Chris Leslie, Angela Smith, Mike Gapes, Gavin Shuker, Joao Ryan, and Anna Coffey.

Mr Elmore said: "While I personally will never leave the Labour Party and will continue to represent the fantastic people of Ogmore in Parliament, I also believe Labour must reflect and act upon fears and concerns when they are raised by members in any capacity."

He added that only a united Labour Party could win a general election.

No response was received from Mrs Moon's office.

## St Nicholas WI learns about reflexology

**ST Nicholas WI met on** February 7, when Kim Davis, daughter of treasurer Carole, gave an excellent talk and demonstration on the benefits of reflexology.

Reflexology is used widely to help people manage cancer treatment and Kim's passion for this form of treatment came over in her talk. Members enjoyed

## Astronomy Corner - Galileo Galilei

A NUMBER of previous columns in this series have taken their inspiration from the birth anniversaries of notable astronomers or cosmologists, and here's another.

This time, it's Happy 455th Birthday to one of the first 'modern' scientists, Italian astronomer, mathematician and physicist Galileo Galilei, who was born on Feb 15, 1564.

With the aid of his early telescope Galileo was responsible for removing Earth from the centre of the universe, and in doing so, incurred the great wrath of the Vatican. Aiming his telescope at the heavens in January 1610 Galileo found, among many other mysteries, four star-like points of light strung out alongside the planet Jupiter.

After noting that their relative positions changed hour to hour, he concluded that they were not fixed stars but satellite moons orbiting Jupiter. His observations also discovered that the planet Venus went through phases, just as the Moon does, for which the only explanation was that it was orbiting the Sun.

This incontrovertible discovery of celestial bodies orbiting something other than

Earth dealt a serious blow to the accepted Aristotelian assertion that Earth was at the centre of the universe and all other celestial bodies revolved around it. In announcing his celestial observations Galileo did not explicitly mention Copernican heliocentrism, an alternate but often ridiculed theory, that placed the Sun at the centre of the universe. His increasingly public acceptance of this notion, however, was considered heresy by the Roman Inquisition (the Church's judicial body) and in 1633 he was forced to recant in order to avoid execution. He spent the remainder of his life under house arrest. He was, however, allowed to continue his work.

In 1574 the 18-year-old Galileo began his education in a monastery before going on to study medicine at the University of Pisa. He was unable to complete his degree due to financial problems, but he gained a good grounding in mathematics and physics during his years at Pisa and went on to make his living through several private teaching positions.

His interest in telescopes dated from 1609 when he got word that an instrument had been invented in Holland which showed distant objects as if they were close by. He soon figured out the science

behind the spyglass and greatly improved upon the original design - an achievement which earned him life tenure at Padua University.

We now know that Jupiter plays host to an astonishing 79 moons of which the four largest, the so-called 'Galilean' moons Ganymede, Callisto, Io and Europa, are readily visible through ordinary binoculars, strung out in a line alongside the planet (one or more may be hidden behind Jupiter's bulk depending on when you look).

Although justly labelled The Father of Astronomy, Galileo made many other contributions to the science of his day: his inventions of a compass and a thermometer being just two examples. His last work, Discourses and Mathematical Demonstrations Concerning Two New Sciences, about physics and mechanics, was published in Holland in 1638. That same year Galileo went totally blind.

Galileo died aged 77 on January 8, 1642 exactly 300 years before the birth of Stephen Hawking on January 8, 1942. The third finger taken from Galileo's remains, the middle finger of his right hand, has been housed at various museums in Italy.

Norman Lloyd

## Advice from Willie for Paul



Paul Watkins with Willie John McBride who has signed three rugby balls that will be raffled at Llantwit Major RFC this Friday.



Sam Warburton has signed a British & Irish Lions shirt to be auctioned on the night.

## Film showing at Llantwit Major Library

**THE March offering at Llantwit Library Film Night was produced in New Zealand, and features a defiant child brought up in foster care, coming to terms with a new family.**

7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

To reserve your seat, visit the library or call 01446 792700. A great evening's entertainment is promised for the price of a £2 raffle ticket.

There's more entertainment at the Library on the third Tuesday evening of every month when a growing band of aficionados get together to play Mah Jong.

The next session is on Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm.

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1974 Lions' test series in South Africa, arranging the fixtures from sea level to altitude, then vice versa the following week, trying to mess the Lions around.

"He explained how they overcame this by staying as a team with strong values, 'Band of Brothers' style. Willie John explained how we need to look after each other on Everest.

"It was great to spend time with him and he signed three rugby balls for my raffle.

"I have a night on Friday before the England game at Llantwit Major RFC with Steve Fenwick and Ceri Sweeney as speakers."

Former players on the Everest challenge aim to break two world records on the trip, playing the 'highest ever game of full contact rugby' and 'the highest ever touch rugby match' in history.

For more information on the Wooden Spoon charity, go to: [woodenspoon.org.uk/](http://woodenspoon.org.uk/).

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# No plans to extend runway at airport

**PLANS to extend Cardiff Airport's runway are not on the horizon, despite being in its 20-year masterplan, the airport's chief executive has said.**

A possible extension to the airport's runway was included in its 2040 vision, which also includes new terminal building and four-star hotel.

Chief executive Deb Barber said there are no immediate plans to extend the runway, following concerns raised by an environmental group.

Vale Communities For Future Generations have expressed concerns about noise and air pollution if the runway was to be extended, and the possibility of aircraft flying 100 feet lower over Bridgend, Llanblethian and Cowbridge.

Ms Barber told Cardiff Airport Consultative Committee on February 13 she did not foresee the runway extension being required and any changes to aircraft would have to be approved with the Civil

Aviation Authority. She said: "There are no immediate plans at all to extend the runway. We do not envisage that happening unless there's a massive change in the way airlines operate."

"Because of the huge amount of time that this plan covers, if there are any thoughts we might need at some point in the future to extend the runway we have to include it in the masterplan as a potential option."

"I would like to put to bed any concerns

about extensions to the runway. It is purely a method to safeguard that option if it ever becomes a requirement. It is not our intention at all at the moment and none of it can happen without full planning consent and approval of our regulator."

The environmental group says if more freight flights are brought to the airport these would be in "older, nosier, less fuel efficient" planes.

The airport said that freight is mainly carried inside commercial

aircraft. A spokeswoman for Vale Communities For Future Generations said: "If the runway is extended, it would change the whole way in which the airport operates. It would be bringing in different types of aircraft at a different height than currently."

"We would possibly have a lot more noise, visual pollution and air pollution. People do need to be concerned."

Matt Discombe,  
Local Democracy  
Reporter

## Human brains on menu for local group

**AT the February meeting of Sully U3A, Caren Richards, a local nutritionist, explained how our choice of foods and lifestyle could minimise these common symptoms.**

Caren showed members how to optimise brain function – from ensuring we include the full spectrum of food colours on our plates, to choosing foods that help regulate blood sugar levels, plus getting adequate sleep and looking after gut bacteria.

At the next meeting on March 14, Angela Fagan of the Citizens Advice Bureau, will speak about 'Volunteers in Citizens Advice'.

For full information about Sully U3A, visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/sully/home>, email [membership@sullyu3a.co.uk](mailto:membership@sullyu3a.co.uk), or go along to a monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in The Old School, Sully.

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## B&M's new outlet set to open in Barry next month

**DISCOUNT grocery retailer B&M Express is set to open a new outlet in Barry next month.**

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## Valeways walks in the area

ON Sunday, February 24 at 2pm, 'The Old Village', starting at the Coldbrook Road East, at the junction with Powis View, Cadoxton.

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# Vale bowling clubs face September deadline

**THE Vale Council believes local sports clubs are making significant progress in preparing to manage their own facilities.**

On February 18, the Vale Cabinet was presented with an update on progress and said that because of the tough financial climate, it needs to look hard at budgets, and the 'self-management' policy that applies to single user sports grounds.

Some clubs in Group 1 have been given a deadline of September 1, 2019 to take over management of their sites.

Other clubs in Groups

2 and 3 will have to take over the management of sites, but on dates yet to be determined.

The council's aim is to save money by recovering the costs of maintaining sports grounds rather than retaining a charging structure at which fees are applied to each location. At present, the fees charged do not cover the maintenance costs.

The report said: "The first group features all of the bowls clubs and the expectation is that all these clubs will be ready to transfer on October 1, 2019.

"The second group features clubs who already operate their

own clubhouses but there are issues on exactly what they would be responsible for in terms of grounds, as at present they are only keen to be responsible for the pitches they use, rather than the whole open space where their pitches are located.

"The third group are clubs who currently do not have management responsibilities for clubhouse facilities and have similar issues with pitches and open space."

A number of clubs have asked for a year to prepare for the changes. Some expressed concern that maintenance of buildings would be beyond their financial ability.

A member of Murch Bowling Club, founder member Roger Mauchline told The GEM there was a lot of uncertainty whether things would work out.

He said: "It's a sad state of affairs. Subscriptions will have to go up, because it will be a struggle. There are a lot of elderly people who don't play, but are members and like to come down and watch."

He said he found it ironic that while local

clubs were having to work out how they could afford to keep the facilities going, a £680,000 revamp of Belle Vue Pavilion in Penarth was under consideration.

Multi-use sports sites are now coming under the council's spotlight and discussions have started with local leagues.

What group is your club in?

Group 1: Cowbridge Bowling Club; Belle Vue Bowling Club; Millwood Bowling Club; Murch Bowling Club; Rhosneir Bowls Club; Romilly Bowls Club; Cadoxton Bowls Club.

Group 2: Penarth Athletic Field; Barry Rugby Club; Cwrt y Vil, Penarth (Old Penarthians RFC); Maslin Park, Barry; Murchfield, Dinas Powys; Police Field, Cowbridge; Windmill Lane, Llanwit Major; Wick Recreation Ground; Wick (cricket).

Group 3: Caeathorpe (football); Rhosneir (football); St Athan (football).

# "Sheer madness" - 600 new homes set for Cosmeston

**PLANS for almost 600 new homes near Cosmeston Park have been described as "sheer madness" by a local councillor.**

The Welsh Government has appointed two architects to prepare an outline planning application for the development at Upper Cosmeston Farm, Penarth.

The Welsh Government-owned site would be used to build around 576 new homes, a new primary school and community facilities.

The homes plan is part of the Vale Council's Local Development Plan and would add up to 540 new homes in Cog Road, Sully – with more than 1,100 new homes planned a mile away.

Cllr Kevin Mahoney, who

represents the area, said: "That's virtually another village the size of Sully. You can't keep putting everything in the same place.

"The Welsh Government seem hell bent on concreting every last bit of land in the whole of Wales. We can't keep swamping the same areas that cannot cope with the traffic and lack of services with house after house – it's sheer madness."

Asbri Planning is drawing up the plans with Austin Smith Lord Architect, and has applied to the Vale Council for a scoping opinion to see whether the new homes would have a significant impact and therefore would need an environmental impact assessment.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said:

"No planning application has yet been submitted, there have been screening and scoping submissions. These will be considered in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance, part of which specifically relates to the need for an environmental impact assessment.

"Should a planning application follow, it will be considered in exactly the same way as any other of its type. In order to gain approval, it will need to satisfy national and local policies, including those contained in the LDP, while members of the public will also have the opportunity to express their views before any decision is taken."

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## Council tax increase to help bridge funding gap for Council

**AN increase in council tax in the Vale is to be proposed to councillors later this month as the Vale Council seeks to mitigate the impact of recent cuts in funding from Welsh Government on services in the county.**

The Council's cabinet will consider a report this week recommending an increase of 4.9 per cent from the current rate of council tax. This would set level for a Band D property at £1,245.06 a year for 2019/20.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Council, said: "The Vale Council has made savings of £55m since 2010 - more than the entire budget for adult social care this year. Despite this, we face a greater financial challenge than ever in 2019/20.

"Demand for our services, such as education and social care, continues to rise, along with the cost of delivering them, and we must now meet a significantly increased cost in the forms of increased employer's contributions to the Teachers'

A separate report also being considered at the same meeting proposes that the 50 per cent reduction in council tax for vacant properties and second homes be removed, a move that could generate income for the authority while bringing empty homes back into use.

## Sport Wales to hold funding surgery in Barry

**WOULD you like to raise the standards of existing activities.**

Development grants between £1,501-£25,000 in addition to the above also cover: coach education, floodlighting for training purposes; purchase of land or rights in land to develop activity areas; Start-up grants to support new enterprises.

All projects should aim to increase participation levels. More funding information is available on the Sport Wales website: [www.sportwales.org.uk/funding--support.aspx](http://www.sportwales.org.uk/funding--support.aspx)

To apply for a 30-minute appointment, contact period that: Encourage Dave Edwards at GVS more people to become on 01446 741706 or more active, more often; email [dave@gvs.wales](mailto:dave@gvs.wales).

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# Vale Council Leader sets out budget agenda

**T**HE greatest responsibility that falls to me as Leader of the Council is to manage and balance the Council's budget.

This has never been an easy task, but year on year, reductions to local government funding from Welsh Government mean it is now surely harder than ever.

This week, I formally proposed an increase in council tax for 2019/20, something that will be decided at a meeting of all councillors on February 27. The proposed 4.9 per cent raise is a relatively low increase when compared with other councils in Wales, but it is essential if we are to maintain services at anything like the levels that our residents would expect.

I am also proposing to spend a greater proportion of the Council's reserves than in previous years to avoid a higher increase.

Regular GEM readers may have read comments from my predecessor in last week's

edition. These followed an interview given by the Council's Managing Director to the BBC, where he highlighted some of the financial challenges we currently face.

As Cllr Moore pointed out, I did support a zero percent increase in council tax when my group was in opposition – it was a mistake for which I apologised last year.

My time in office as Council Leader has made clear to me that balancing the funding requirements of the hundreds of services that the Council provides requires difficult decisions to be taken not just once a year, but every day.

The Managing Director had spoken to the BBC as part of an approach to try and remove politics from the public debate about how best to adequately fund these services in the future. For this reason it was disappointing to see an opposition member seek to immediately make this an issue of party politics.

To me, this is an issue



by Cllr John Thomas,  
Leader of the Vale Council.

that transcends party allegiance. I, along with all other council leaders in Wales, have written to both the Welsh and Westminster governments spelling out the very real consequences of ever-reducing levels of funding. In doing so, I have been very clear that the blame for the situation we currently find ourselves in lies with both.

The fact that £55 million has been saved in the Vale over the last 10 years with very little

Westminster provided £550 million of extra funding to Wales for this year and next, of which Welsh Government decided to plough the vast majority into the health service. They had a choice and could have put some of that money into social care which provides the preventative services, which if funded adequately, would take a great deal of pressure off our colleagues in the NHS.

At the same time, Westminster made changes to teachers and fire service pensions which will cost the Vale Council nearly £2 million this year - the equivalent of a 3 per cent increase in council tax.

I still stand by my previous comments regarding public sector austerity. I have said previously that in the early years, austerity was a positive thing as there were savings which needed to be made in local government.

The fact that £55 million has been saved in the Vale over the last 10 years with very little

initial impact on services in the early years proves that point.

Now, however, the savings are getting harder to achieve and services are beginning to reduce, it is clear to me that austerity must end.

I have said on many occasions that our Welsh and Westminster governments should engage the public to decide what services they want councils to provide and then determine how best to fund us adequately to do so. I want this to be a reasoned debate about the future of public services, without resorting to petty political point scoring.

Unfortunately, it seems not all my colleagues in the Council chamber agree with this approach.

## MP congratulates local solicitors on awards success



**NEWBOLD SOLICITORS**  
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Solicitors for their hard work and on the recognition they have received at the Modern Law Awards.

"In particular, I want to pay tribute to Catherine Hartland for winning Managing Partner of the Year. I'm delighted to see the achievements of the whole team at Newbold, securing the runner-up spots in two UK-wide categories.

"It's fantastic that Barry is represented so strongly and Newbold demonstrate the professional quality that we have locally."

## Things to consider when thinking about volunteering – advice from GVS

**CONSIDER** why you'd like to volunteer – you have free time, you'd like to give something back, for work experience or perhaps to get involved in your local community. Identifying why will help you decide the type of volunteering you are best suited to.

Type of volunteering – would you like to volunteer with animals, the elderly or youth, would you like to be in an office, out

fundraising, involved in a tidy towns project or something else?

- What are your skills? Your qualities? Is there anything you love doing? Some people volunteer in something similar to their job, some volunteer in relation to an interest or hobby they have.

- Is there a cause or issue that's important to you? There may be an organisation who deal with an issue you feel strongly about, or a local organisation you'd like to get involved with.

- Would you like

to learn something new? Take on a new challenge, gain a new skill or dip your toe into a new area.

- Time available – what time do you have free in your week/month, when can you volunteer and for how long?

- Organisations have questions too! They will do some level of screening depending on the role(s). Some will have an informal discussion with you, others will look for references, and depending on the role you may need a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (any costs met by organisation).

- I never thought of that! Volunteers aren't just needed in charity shops, sports clubs and homeless shelters. Organisations involve volunteers in a great deal of their work including befriending, animal fostering, office administration and tutoring to name a few.

- Virtual (home based) volunteering – if you have web access and the necessary skills, some organisations offer the opportunity to volunteer from home. Virtual volunteering

might be well-suited to you if you have limited time, no transportation or additional physical needs.

- Fundraising, seasonal and one-off opportunities – if you are willing to help out organisations, without a long-term commitment to any, and you are flexible in the help you can give, organisations are always looking for people to do fundraising collecting, festival/event stewarding etc on an ad-hoc basis.

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# Plans to reform fire authorities could put lives at risk – claim

**COUNCILLOR Joel Williams, who sits on the South Wales Fire Authority, has said that a Welsh Government white paper proposes reducing the number of people who sit on Wales' three fire authorities and only allowing councils to put cabinet members forward for inclusion.**

Councillors are concerned that changes to South Wales Fire Authority could increase costs from £60,000 a year to £300,000. Having fewer members and an increase in the cost of running the authority could have an impact on frontline services if the proposals are implemented, they say.

The proposals were drawn up by former

Welsh Government cabinet secretary for local government and public services, Alun Davies AM, who was criticised by councillors for his "derogatory" remarks about back bench councillors in the paper.

Since 1996, there have been three combined fire and rescue authorities covering several authorities across south, mid west and north Wales.

Each local authority in these areas nominates a set number councillors to

sit on the fire authority, based on population and are usually councillors who are not cabinet members or committee chairs.

Councils currently provide the three fire authorities with nearly all of their funding. The Welsh Government believes that under this arrangement, the fire authorities are not as accountable if the proposals are implemented, they say.

The new Welsh

Government proposal wants to keep fire authorities as separate entities with their current boundaries, and does not support transferring fire and rescue services to the police and crime commissioners or back to local councils.

It would reduce the current membership of the South Wales Fire Authority to 10, with a cabinet member representing each council.

They would like councils to continue to nominate members, but there would be fewer on each authority with the number in south Wales dropping to 10. Under the proposal, each council would nominate one member of the fire authority so it would no longer be based on population.

The white paper suggests that all nominees must be members of the council's cabinet. As a member of the South Wales Fire Authority, Cllr Williams said: "If the proposals go ahead, they will have a devastating impact

on frontline services; the employment of our firefighters. That will put lives at risk and we, as a fire and rescue authority working with others in Wales, can't let that happen."

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "There has been significant public consultation on these proposals. The consultation closed last week and generated a big response from public bodies, unions, politicians and members of the public.

"Before the white paper was published, ministers discussed these issues personally with the chairs of all three fire and rescue authorities on many occasions. There have also been many discussions between Welsh Government officials and senior fire officials.

"We will reflect on the consultation responses and we are clear we would never take any action to undermine fire and rescue standards."

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# Spring is in the air at Barry Island!



THE spring may still be a while off, but it was definitely in the air at Barry Island last Friday with warmer sunny weather and people enjoying the milder conditions.

Local photographer Andy Wicks captured these images of visitors to the Island enjoying walking their dogs and relaxing along the promenade.

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## What's on and where - news in brief

### Meet Your Local Officers

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Abergaron HUB, Abergaron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Llandough PACT at The Royal British Legion, Penlan Road Llandough on Monday, February 18 at 7pm.

A Coffee & Chat will be held at the Victoria Inn, Sington on Tuesday, February 19 at 11am.

**Fair Bake coffee**  
THIS year, Fairtrade Fortnight will be held between February 25 and March 10 and to celebrate, Barry Town Council's Fairtrade advisory committee in partnership with Cadoxton Methodist Church will host a Fair Bake coffee morning.

Members of the public are invited to enjoy the Fairtrade coffee, tea and cake that will be on offer on Saturday, March 9 between 10am and 12pm at Cadoxton Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry (CF63 1JX). There is no charge for the event, although donations are welcome. For more information contact [info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01446 738663.

### St David's Day concert

COWBRIDGE Rotary Club will hold their annual St David's Day Concert on March 2, at the Ramoth Hall, United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge.

Doors will open at 7pm, traditional Welsh supper with cawl, bread and cheese from 7.30pm during which there will be a cash only bar service available. This will be followed by a concert by local and district young musicians from 8.30pm.

Tickets are available from any Rotarian or email Huw Davies ([h.davies11@sky.com](mailto:h.davies11@sky.com)). Price £15. The charities involved

this year are, The Samaritans, Y Bont, and Homelessness. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible there, to enjoy this most enjoyable concert.

### St David's Day concert

COR Meibion Maesteg ar Cyd will this year make their annual concert the St David's day celebration at Maesteg Town hall on Saturday, March 2 commencing at 7pm.

The guest for this year's concert will be the celebrated tenor Wynne Evans, who will be making his second appearance at the Town Hall and who so thrilled the audience previously: this makes for an excellent concert.

Wynne has sung in many different countries and has walked out onto the turf of the Millennium Stadium, after the All Blacks performed the Haka, carrying the Welsh flag and singing 'Cwm Rhondda'. Huw Morgan has produced an excellent programme for the choir and the finale will be something really special – which will be a first for the choir but will I'm sure bring the house down.

Come along and enjoy a first class night of entertainment; tickets are now on sale at the Town Hall box office or any choir member.

**Llantwit market**  
THE next market day in Llantwit Major takes place on Saturday, March 16.

Those interested in running stalls should contact Llantwit Major events group on Facebook.

## What's on and where

### PODS

PENARTH Operatic and Dramatic Society will perform their next play *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie in the Paget Rooms, from March 20-22.

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### PACT meetings

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Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and

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### VALUATION

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“It was a really difficult time for us all and six months after he died, my gran, dad’s mum, found out she had lung cancer. She too, was cared for in the hospice and the care by the nurses was second to none. Everyone

whirlwind of emotions; my daughter was born on the Monday, my husband was made redundant on the Wednesday, and dad was diagnosed on the Friday – it was a really challenging time. "Dad's cancer was quite aggressive and he was told that he had about five years to live, and this was indeed

was so kind and thoughtful; even the little things that the nurses do make such a big difference. At such a difficult time in our lives it was reassuring to know that they were receiving the best care possible and that our needs were part of that too.

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A portrait photograph of Councillor Leighton Rowlands, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue shirt and a dark tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light blue. The photo is enclosed in a thin red rectangular border.

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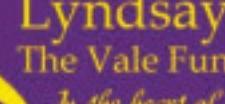
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## Rhiannon helping raise funds for Marie Curie

**RIGHT:**  
Rhiannon pictured with her family - she is encouraging people to help support Marie Curie by taking part in the Step Into Spring campaign.

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Rhiannon continued: "After they had both passed away, I started looking for ways that I could fundraise for Marie Curie, to say thank you for the support that my family received and that's when I came across Step into Spring. I wasn't doing much exercise at the time, so I saw this as a way to kickstart my fitness again, as well as raising money to help other families going through the same situation as us."

"I really enjoyed the challenge of walking 10,000 steps a day - it encouraged me to get out into the fresh air. I would walk around the



university campus at lunchtime and I bought myself a FitBit so I could accurately track how many steps I was doing.

"The whole family got involved with Step into Spring - my son and daughter would often join me for a walk. Walking every day

helped me get over my grief, particularly it was a way of remembering my dad. It gave me a chance to think and reflect on everything that had happened and I know that dad's still here in my heart.

"I ended up raising £630 and I was delighted with that. I couldn't believe how generous people were. I'd definitely take on the challenge again, as it encouraged me to get active while doing

To find out more or sign up to Step into Spring, visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/steptospring](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/steptospring) or call 0800 716 146.

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# The Kid Who Would Be King is a right royal success!

**T**ALES of the Arthurian legend on the cinema screen have been somewhat moribund in recent times.

Antoine Fuqua's *King Arthur* was po-faced and leaden, while Guy Ritchie's geezer'd take on Arthur in *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* was an epic misfire.

Joe Cornish's take on the legend is to bring it up to date in the modern day in *The Kid Who Would Be King*, which stars Louis Ashbourne Serkis (son of Andy) as Alex, a youngster who, one evening, discovers Excalibur in a building site.

Convinced its a joke, he confides in his best friend Bedders (Dean Chaumoo), but soon Alex realises that this is no laughing matter.

Sought out by Merlin (played by both Angus Imrie and Patrick Stewart), he tells Alex he has been chosen to defend the world from Morgana (Rebecca Ferguson) who is set to rise and try to enslave humanity.

Only Alex, Bedders and Alex' bullies Lance (Tom Taylor) and Kaye (Rhianna Dorris) can stop her... It's been eight long years since Joe Cornish wowed us with *Attack The Block*, so his follow up has been eagerly

anticipated and *The Kid Who Would Be King* certainly doesn't disappoint.

It's a fun, charming and wholly enjoyable kids film that has enough to offer adults as well, thrilling and magical yet grounded and humorous.

Cornish, who writes as well as directs here, has spoken how the film shouldn't be seen as an allegory for the state of the world, and particularly Britain, finds itself in at this moment in time.

But where newspaper headlines extol our damnation, where school children are afraid of becoming nothing, and where evil rises when the world finds itself seemingly leaderless, there's plenty more to chew on than your normal slice of family fun.

If Cornish lays this on a little too thickly at the start, then once we pick up the pace with Alex finding Excalibur, things start to ease up a little bit, the film slotting nicely into its groove helped no end by Cornish's wit and passion.

There are jokes about using Google Translate to see what is written on the sword, and Merlin's dietary requirements have been updated to ice-cream, cherrysticks and chicken nuggets, but Cornish manages to balance both the fantastical and the realistic wonderfully well.

There's also some nice subplots at play, in



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particular the mystery surrounding Alex' no-longer-present father, which keep things moving.

The cast are all excellent, with Louis Ashbourne Serkis a lovely lead, ably supported by Dean Chaumoo's wide-eyed Bedders. Angus Imrie's take on Merlin is great to watch, the actor showing the idiosyncrasies and wackiness that mark him out as possible future TARDIS occupier, while Patrick Stewart's older Merlin gives a dash of gravitas when needed.

It's a shame that an actress like Rebecca Ferguson gets very little to do as the evil Morgana; she never truly convinces and when she spends the majority of her screen time

either tethered by roots to a rock or as a CGI beast, you wonder why Cornish went for such a high-profile actress in what ultimately turns out to be a low-profile part.

The film does make a few little missteps - its opening, as alluded to earlier on, is sluggish and sees Cornish trying to cram in all the relevant story strands into it, while the pacing feels off at points, the middle section in particular as the dramatic heavy lifting gets done.

However *The Kid Who Would Be King* doesn't lack for charm or excitement, certainly not in its climax which sees *Lord Of The Rings'* battle of Helm's Deep reimagined through the lens of *Home Alone*, and makes for a hugely satisfying offering from Joe Cornish.

**VERDICT** – A right royal success, *The Kid Who Would Be King* makes you hope that it doesn't take Joe Cornish another eight years to make a film.

Charming, witty and fun with a dose of allegory to keep adults onboard, with a winning young cast this is a film that is well worth your time.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* (2017), *Attack The Block* (2011)

## What's on - news in brief

### War museum

ON Thursday, February 28 at 7pm at the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station there will be a presentation by Gary Brace on 'Eric: A Welshman in the Glasgow Highlanders', a story of a sniper in north west Europe through the battalion's battles in Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Germany on June 17, 1944, based on Gary's book about his father. Free admission.

### Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, February 28 at 7pm in the Lesser Town Hall.

The speakers will be Joyce and Richard Pegg on 'Preparing a garden for NGS opening'. The club looks forward to welcoming new and returning members.

### Lenten Lunches

ALL Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry invite you to come and enjoy some good company and food at their Spring/Lent Lunches to be held in the church hall from 12pm to 1.30pm on four successive Thursdays: February 28, March 7 and 14 and March 21. Lunch will include soup, crusty

bread, a selection of cheeses and tea or coffee for £5 a head, including a free raffle. Everyone is welcome.

### World Day of Prayer

'COME, Everything Is Ready' is the title of this year's annual service which has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

Our service will be held in the United Reformed Church, Westgate Cowbridge on Friday, March 1 at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. Come and join us.

**Celebrate St David's Day** RHOOSE Community Library welcomes you to their St David's Day celebrations on Friday, March 1 from 10.30am to 3pm at the library on Fontygary Road, Rhoose. Tea/ coffee and home baked Welsh cakes will be available.

The friendly volunteers will be in traditional Welsh costume and there will always be someone to chat with! The library will hold a raffle with the chance to win some delicious authentic Welsh produce. All proceeds support Rhoose Community library.

**Cowbridge History Society** THE Society's next meeting will be on Friday, March 1 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the

### Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The subject of the talk will be Button Gwinnett and His Links with Cottrell, by Christine Young of Llantwit History Society.

### Rotary concert

**COWBRIDGE** Rotary Club will hold their annual St David's Day concert on March 2, at the Ramoth Hall, United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge.

Doors will open at 7pm, traditional Welsh supper with cawl, bread and cheese from 7.30pm, cash only bar service available. This will be followed by a concert by local and district young musicians from 8.30pm. Tickets £15, available from any Rotarian or email Huw Davies - [hdaives11@sky.com](mailto:hdaives11@sky.com). The charities involved this year are The Samaritans, Y Bont, and Homelessness.

### PACT Meetings

**BLACKMILL** PACT at Blackmill Community Centre on Monday, March 25 at 6.30pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm.

**Ynysawdre** PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Tuesday, March 19 at 6.15pm.



## Signs of spring at Ogam Igam

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A Parent/Carer Drop-in Session is taking place on Tuesday 26 February, 4-7pm at Barry Central Library.

No need to book, just come along if you would like more information.

### What is the Offer?

30 hours a week of funded early education and childcare for eligible parents of 3 and 4 year olds, for up to 48 weeks of the year. The 30 hours will consist of a combination of the existing Foundation Phase Nursery (12.5 hours) open to all 3 and 4 year olds and the additional funded childcare (17.5 hours) for eligible families. During the school holidays it will just consist of 30 hours funded childcare, for up to 9 weeks of the year.

### How do I apply?

Applications open on the 4 March 2019 and you can apply online: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis)

### Who can access the Offer?

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# Bridgend-based Sean Molino launches the Welsh Veterans Awards



Padre Roger Grafton and Veterans' Awards organiser Sean Molino.



From left: the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Cllr Leighton Rowlands; Mark Isherwood AM; and the Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff Cllr Dianne Elizabeth Rees.

ON February 13 the first national Veterans Awards for Wales was launched, sponsored by the Flint-based company TASC Holdings Ltd.

The event took place in the Pierhead Building and was hosted by Capital FM DJ Polly James.

Speaking at the event were Mark Isherwood AM, Pete Davies (regional director ABF The Soldiers' Charity) Pablo chief editor of *The Sandbag Times*, and Sean Molino (founder of the awards).

During the launch, dance group Project Action Potential, in association with Jukebox Collective, performed 'Lest We Forget' for which members of the dance group hold a minute's silence and give poppies out to the audience.

The event was attended by military personnel, Assembly Members, veteran-owned company directors, councillors and a number of veteran community charities and organisations.

Mr Molino said: "In Wales, there are tens of thousands of former military personnel, who, upon retirement from HM Armed Forces, have gone on to contribute immensely to our country. The Veterans' Awards looks to celebrate these true heroes and reward veterans for their achievements in business, fitness, sport and the wider community."

Mr Davies of ABF, The Soldiers' Charity said: "It's great to celebrate the success of our



Capital FM's Polly James.

veterans and great that Wales should have a national awards for our Armed Forces veterans and the companies that support them. I'm looking forward to a great evening in Swansea and listening to their inspirational stories."

"I want our Veterans' Awards and social media presence to become a place where serving military and veterans can discover some great advice and tips from others, who are doing truly inspirational things upon leaving the military. I hope we can inspire future service leavers that great things can be achieved with help and support."

Mr Molino said: "I am so pleased with the response and to have so many dignitaries attend the launch and offer their support I am truly thankful, as a former Welsh Guardsman, junior NCO, and physical training instructor."

"The aim of these awards is to promote veterans that are doing great things on 'civvy street'. We want to promote all shortlisted applicants through a series of video blogs, social media releases and our website, so that they can act as role models for future service leavers."

Mr Molino concluded by saying: "If you know a veteran who's gone above and beyond, then please nominate them now at [www.veteransawards.co.uk](http://www.veteransawards.co.uk)."

## Jobs to go at Vale Council?

IF proposals in the 2019-20 budget report are adopted, there could be 27 full-time redundancies at the Vale Council.

The report was to be considered by the Vale Cabinet on February 18.

The job losses will not be in schools and the council believes some positions will be vacated through natural wastage.

The report said: "The budget proposals will have implications for the council's employees and there will be a loss of jobs."

"The reduction for 2019/20, excluding schools, is estimated to be around 27 full-time equivalents with a large part of the savings target being focused on more efficient procurement."

"Although the impact on individuals is likely to be mitigated as a result of natural wastage and the deletion of vacant posts, it is expected that there will be a number of redundancies."

The GEM approached UNISON, which represents many local authority staff, at the Vale and other councils, for comment on the proposed redundancies.

Glenn Pappas, UNISON branch

secretary said: "Neither council employees nor their UNISON representatives have been advised of potential job cuts at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

To learn of any threat through the media first is unacceptable, particularly as it wasn't mentioned in our meeting with senior executives last month."

The Vale is quick to champion the benefits of partnership working but UNISON has been misled about the decision-making process here. We have now found out that there will be a loss of the equivalent of 27 full time posts at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

"The workforce cares passionately about providing good public services to their community and they must be fully included in any decisions if the council wants to cut services."

"We know the funding of the Vale and Welsh local authorities is dire because of nine years of Westminster's savage spending cuts. However, there is a duty on the council to meet the needs of the community they serve and we call on them to work with UNISON to protect jobs and services."

"The Welsh Veterans awards are sponsored by TASC Holdings Ltd ([tascholdings.co.uk/](http://tascholdings.co.uk/)) and will also be raising money for ABF The Soldier's Charity. The inaugural awards evening will be hosted by Capital FM's Polly James on June 26 at the Village Hotel Swansea."

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## Empty properties in the Vale may have to pay more council tax

LANDLORDS with unoccupied homes in the Vale may have to start paying more council tax from April, in a move which could affect more than 1,000 properties.

Vale councillors will later this month be asked to approve plans to remove the current 50 per cent council tax discounts for unoccupied properties or second homes. The move, which would affect 1,395 properties, would mean long-term empty homes would have to make full payments of council tax. A full council meeting on February 28 will decide whether to remove the discount from April 1.

The council said the discounts would cost it more than £1 million if they continued.

From a consultation of 145 responses, 11 (11.3 per cent) were supportive of the council's preferred option of removing the discounts while 126 (92 per cent) of the responses were in favour of maintaining the current arrangement.

Landlords told the council they opposed the plans because of the lack of services used in the empty properties and that they also have second homes because of the death of a

relative or due to work commitments.

The council's cabinet wants to remove the discount to increase the authority's coffers and also "due to the many positive impacts that can be achieved by bringing empty properties back into use".

These include providing housing for the Vale and to discourage opportunities for fly-tipping and antisocial behaviour, the council has said.

The change would affect unoccupied properties in classes A, B and C under Council Tax Regulations. Class A and B properties are unoccupied and furnished; Class A relates to properties which have a legal restriction on occupancy for a period of at least 28 days in any 12-month period, whereas Class B properties have no such restriction. Class C properties are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than six months.

On January 17 this year, 58 properties fell within Class A, 557 properties fell within Class B, and 780 properties were Class C.

Empty properties which are unoccupied and unfurnished are initially exempt from council tax altogether for up to six months and this would not change under the new proposals.

Matt Discombe, LDR

## Fines issued for camping, spitting, and fishing

ENFORCEMENT prosecution' – which committee before a final decision is made.

Miles Punter, director of environment and housing for the Vale Council, said: "The Vale of Glamorgan has some of the cleanest streets in Wales and generally high level of compliance with parking rules. However, targeted enforcement is always needed to keep standards high."

Vale Council is set to review the contract for 3GS, which runs out in October, as it looks to develop a new centralised enforcement service. Fines for littering, graffiti and dog fouling will rise from £75 to £100 in April.

A new fine of £400 for small scale fly tipping would be introduced and penalties for offences for waste receptacles and litter control notices would increase from £100 to £150, under plans put forward by the council's cabinet.

Vale Council is now looking to review the contract of 3GS, which runs out in October, as part of a move to bring enforcement services back in house. A council report says the enforcement team "would be intended to have a zero tolerance approach to environmental crime," but that "it is not lawful or ethical for the Council to set targets for enforcement officers".

The new enforcement team and change to fixed penalty notices have been referred to the council's environment and regeneration scrutiny

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A total of 781 of the fines handed out by 3GS are listed in a council report as 'awaiting

# Law and order, courts and firefighting 1886 – 1914: Barry history by Laurie Owen

*Local historian Laurie Owen continues his series, looking at the rapid growth of Barry, from a small village to a large town, around the turn of the 19th century.*

**T**HOUSANDS of men working on the docks and railway from 1884 gave rise to the building of many licensed hotels and the appearance of illegal ‘shebeens’.

The village bobby could no longer maintain control, as drunken men often led to fighting and prostitutes added to the problem.

To combat this new menace, the county police station was built on the corner of Holton and Court Road in 1884 by TA Walker, the contractor who built the docks. With four cells and quarters for the superintendent, two sergeants and constables, East Barry and Iddesleigh Street later had just two cells.

The celebrations for the grand opening of the docks in July 1889 were expected to attract a great many of the ‘light-fingered fraternity’, but the police resolved that those with ‘priggish propensities’ would not ‘glean the harvest’ they desired.

One such villain who stole a woman’s purse was set upon by the large crowd then chased and apprehended by PC 269 Stephen Davies and brought before the court. After pleading the influence of drink and his dying child, he was sentenced to two months hard labour.

Superintendent Wake, the deputy Chief Constable attended licensing sessions as a character witness, whether for a theatrical licence with no alcohol or a fully licensed hotel or public house, of which there were many.

In 1889 an inquest was held at the Wenvoe Arms Hotel and another at east Barry police station, but mostly they took place at Holton Road, as did local courts. With crime on the increase there was urgent need of a separate facility to allow occasional County Courts to be held, thereby saving time and money.

Offences were mainly drink-related, for which the fine was usually 2s 6d; and non-payment of rates cropped up quite often.

Women also appeared and when one slapped another for trying to steal her husband she was fined 2s 6d. For riding on a cart with no reins the fine was 1s and 5s for selling petrol without a licence.

When new JPs for Glamorgan were announced in May 1891, insultingly there would be ‘no appointment for Barry and Cadotown until suitable gentlemen come to reside in the district’.

A few months later, Jones & Son of Penarth built a new Court adjoining the police station, with Inspector Rees in charge. A large airy room accommodated 20 magistrates, a clerk and legal advocates, witness and press area, with a large box to hold 20 prisoners.

There were 100 public seats, a Justices’ retiring room and gas lighting throughout. Local Board member JC Meggitt could imagine fortnightly local courts increasing to weekly, then a branch of the County Court and finally its own.

In September 1892, 25 new constables were appointed to deal with the rapidly-growing population.

Two years later, local builder HJ Money enlarged accommodation in the station for ‘visitors’. Police gave evidence to magistrates proving that a local publican was ‘ harbouring prostitutes and permitting drunkenness’.

Holton Road at the top of Thompson Street was ‘literally infested with men and women of immoral character’, but now the public could be assured that this ‘moral pest would be considerably minimised’.

In a landmark moment, telephone connections were made between the police stations of Cardiff, Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and St Nicholas, allowing officers to contact colleagues. With prices being sought for the equipment, Glamorgan CC agreed to contribute £5pa subject to a vague proviso linked to fire-fighting.

In 1895, JC Meggitt and J Lowdon were now deemed suitable to be County Magistrates, even though both had been gentlemen and very active in the growth of the district.

After seven long years, in November 1898 Judge William Stevenson Owen presided over the first sitting of Barry County Court with local solicitor Alfred Jackson as Registrar and J Wagstaff his Chief Clerk.

One of the first cases was upholsterer James Edward Tallboy suing William Hillier for 23s loss of rent, but with his own vague evidence and

William’s rent book, he was unsuccessful.

Mr Tallboy was a bit of a rogue with several previous court cases and a bankruptcy; but of interest to older readers, his sons James and Luther were in Barry by 1911 trading as a ‘fruit dealer’ and ‘fishmonger’. In Kelly’s directory of 1923, James Tallboy & Co were fruit merchants in Greenwood Street and also at 255/7 Holton Road.

They would deliver their wares, including Corona lemonade to customers’ homes into the 1960s and beyond. Other cases were for non-payment of goods supplied, ranging from 4s 9d, £1.3s.3d to £63 for hay and corn. Dr O’Donnell sued for £2.3s.6d unpaid medical attendance and a man claimed £5 for a one-eyed horse which had collapsed and died.

An early photograph shows a sergeant, two constables, a wife and a youngster in his Boys’ Brigade uniform, posing outside Cadoxton police station in Iddesleigh Street, opposite Quarrell Street. Living with PC Ben Davies at number 19 in 1891 was his wife Louisa, eight year old son Joseph and PC David Roberts.

The following year it was renamed Main Street and by the next census, Ben had been promoted to Sergeant and was joined by constables William Jones, Thomas Kemp, Jacob Lovelock and John Richards.

Surprisingly by 1911, Ben was a police pensioner at just 58 years of age, living at 23 Kenilworth Road with Louisa, son Joseph and daughter-in-law May.

In June 1903, Glamorgan CC and the Joint Police Commissioner inspected a piece of land opposite the Wenvoe Arms as a possible site for a new station. Sanitary Inspector Samuel Sommerfield recently left the old house and premises known as ‘The Cot’ and the property was being offered To Let. Though seemingly ideal, a new police station was built six years later on Weston Hill, by William Britton at a cost of £2,795.

East Barry had a new station early in 1890 at 43/44 High Street, on the corner of East Street. In the census, John Evans was the 41-year-old sergeant at number 43 with wife Rachel, four sons and three daughters. Next door were constables WH Thomas from Llancafnan and William Handcock from Somerset.

Ten years later, Devon-born John Abraham was the sergeant at number 43, with wife Margaret, a son and five daughters. The three young constables next door were William Dowry, Albert E Savage and Patrick O’Brien. In 1911, constable Joseph Foy (unsure of exact surname) was at number 43 with Charles Harrison from Paddington and Edward Beresford from Worcestershire living next door. Staff transferred from High Street to the new County Police Station on Harbour Road in June 1914, which our generation knew as Ship Hill.

Erected by WA Jones of Bridgend for £3,700, Sergeant WJ Angus was Officer in charge of six constables. On the ground floor was a mess-room, charge room and household conveniences, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and lavatories up above, while outside was an exercise yard. With electric bells, the three cells were for the ‘temporary lodgement of prisoners’.

Early in 1900, Barry Island police station was in a private house on an annual tenancy and Dr O’Donnell wanted the joint Police Committee to erect something more permanent, but they were even refused a telephone connection. Inspector David Pugh was at the Police Lodge in 1901, with wife Ann and seven children, whereas ten years earlier he had been a docks policeman.

Though outside the timeline of this story, an event occurred in the long hot summer of 1919, for which Supt DG Morris and his men received lavish praise. Young men who survived the horrors of war came home to unemployment, poverty and the sight of hundreds of ‘coloured’ immigrants in their town.

With some having married white girls and intensified by the heat in June, a series of ‘racial riots’ erupted in south Wales. In Barry, a local dock labourer was fatally stabbed by a sailor from the French West Indies, causing thousands to raid the ‘negroes’ quarters’. There followed reprisals on both sides, many armed with revolvers and the police were caught in the middle trying to protect the coloured men who were vastly outnumbered.

GEM NOTE: Certain words in the preceding two paragraphs are not in use in modern parlance, but we have chosen to retain the language of the period.

Fire-fighting, 1889-1913.



*The Merryweather Hatfield fire engine 1913.*

By 1889, 45 fire hydrants had been installed around Cadoxton and ED Jones’ request for some in east Barry was approved, but with hydrants and T-pieces costing £2, this was one more drain on finances. Firemen could not always find the hydrants and when they did, they were often choked up with bricks and stones.

A year later, Shand, Mason of London supplied three sets of ‘fire extinguishing and escape appliances’ with 30 feet ladders for £150, to be stored in newly erected sheds near the police stations. They were horse-drawn with water being pumped manually at 150 gallons a minute, but many fit and strong men were needed to replace colleagues, exhausted after just five minutes on the pump.

With equipment in place, who would be responsible for their operation and management?

In other areas of south Wales it fell to the local constabulary at the princely sum of £10pa. Superintendent Wake, with 12 constables and two others on the way, was willing to undertake the role but turned down assistance from 12 volunteers.

Over the next few years, there was some concern over the suitability of constables with basic extinguishing appliances being tasked with fighting a large fire. In June 1899, a volunteer fire brigade seemed imminent with JG Walker as its Captain, but after a great deal of discussion the idea was shelved, mainly because of cost.

Two years later, Supt Giddings agreed that the police would continue in their role with his staff wages increasing from £15 to £60pa.

Sketch plans for a new fire engine station had been presented to committee as early as May 1897, but it would be four years before Dr PJ O’Donnell, as chairman of the Health Committee, carried out the formal opening on Court Road.

Built by Jones Bros, it was three storeys high with an engine room, apartments for the men and officers, a watch-room, stables and a hose-drying tower. With manual pumping now superseded by a Shand, Mason ‘vertical steam fire engine’, it could pump 350 gallons of water per minute to a height of 161 feet via a 1.5 inch jet pipe.

The combined hose, tender, fire escape with 60 feet telescopic sliding carriers and all the latest improvements, still needed horses to transport it. Inspector Morris was brigade leader and James Hutton as Fire Superintendent was paid 35s a week plus housing, coal, gas and uniform.

A public mortuary and post mortem room was erected in the yard at the rear, bringing the total cost to £3,500.

After the exertions of the morning, the officials and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Royal Hotel.

As part of a major rethink on the whole question of fire-fighting, in 1903 the district was theoretically divided into two separate areas. The docks had a special system of dealing with fires and buildings along the dockside, being served by hoses from the dock fire floats.

The steam fire engine had never been used and the fire station was described as a ‘white elephant’ which could be put to better use, so councillors decided to abandon the engine and revert to the manual system.

Fire engineer Mr Hutton was sacked with one month’s wages. It was then hotly debated whether

to convert the building to an accident hospital instead of Kingsland Crescent, or to accommodate pupils from Holton School. In fact it was rented by the Education Committee for £100pa with the final loss on the steam fire engine recorded as being only £118.

The Fire Engine Sub-Committee were once again discussing a steam fire engine in July 1910, with councillors JT Hogg and JA Manaton against spending another £500 when water pressure in town was high.

To illustrate the point, when a fire occurred opposite Lloyds Bank in Thompson Street, water was manually pumped from the hydrant over houses into Sydenham Street. By a vote of 4-3, it was decided to borrow £1,000 for a modern ‘steam fire engine’, but no record has been found to confirm it actually happened.

Within three years it was announced that the fire station was now needed to house a new ‘Motor Fire Engine’.

In February 1913, the UDC sought applications for a Voluntary Fire Brigade, meaning the end of 23 years of police involvement, which had long been sought by ratepayers and others. The Captain would be paid £10.10s pa + 7s.6d per call and 2s an hour after the first hour; the vice-Captain £5.5s pa + 5s and 1s.6d; firemen £1.10s pa (20 drills) + 2s.6d and 1s; rates to be doubled for fires outside the district.

Also required were a driver and wife to both act as caretakers of the station with some cleaning at Holton School, for £1.15s a week with living accommodation.

The Fire Brigade committee, presided over by PJ O’Donnell, announced that Francis R Hybart would be Captain with E Guest as vice-Captain, assisted by 12 firemen. Mr Hybart was the assistant Surveyor to the UDC and Mr Guest, the chief Water Inspector.

The Merryweather Hatfield Motor Fire Engine duly arrived at the Fire Station on Court Road, with its petrol four cylinder engine capable of 40mph and able to deliver water at 500 gallons a minute. With 1,000 feet of canvas hose and all the latest equipment, a full complement of firemen sitting and standing could be conveyed.

Horses were finally redundant – until it broke down.

Soon after its arrival and en route to a fire, as the driver turned into Dock View Road from Castleand Street, the vehicle ‘ran wild probably through skidding’ so Sergeant D Rees and others jumped off, fearing a collision.

Driver D Matthews kept control and Inspector RH Thomas seated next to him was safe, but vice-captain E Guest was thrown out violently and badly injured. The fire itself was very minor. With some police officers still present, the new brigade was possibly not yet fully trained.

Mr Guest was back in work within two months and in October 1915, was presented with a smoker’s cabinet and tobacco by the brigade, just prior to leaving on active service.

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# How you can achieve herb garden heaven!

HERBS are a great way for novice gardeners to start growing their own; from sage to thyme, rosemary to clipped bay and flowering chives, you can combine a variety of herbs in one space whether that's a specially built herb garden, flower bed or container.

If you are planning on creating a herb garden it should, ideally, be placed in the sunniest part of your garden. Most of the common herbs are native to the Mediterranean so if you can create similar conditions in your garden they will thrive.

Before you start, decide which herbs you would like to grow – this will give you a good idea of how much space you will need. A basic rule of thumb is 10 plants per sq metre, which will give you something to look at during the first year and a good effect thereafter. Alternatively, you could plant a raised bed with your favourite herbs within easy reach of your kitchen.

Raised beds are relatively simple and easy to construct using wooden sleepers. Once you have worked out the best location for your herb bed fix the sleepers in position and fill it with a mixture of soil and peat-free compost, then plant in your selection of herbs.

Herbs also grow well in containers. A couple of herb filled pots by the kitchen door are ideal for snipping at throughout the year, and benefit from the fact that they can be moved as the seasons change to get the best of the sunshine.

The top five classic favourites are:

Mint - easy to grow and if you pick it regularly it will grow bushy and give you leaves from April to November.

Chives – great in salads or as a soup garnish, they have lovely bee-friendly flowers and do well in partial sun.

Sage – its velvety leaves and small, purple flowers look spectacular and it requires very little



maintenance. It thrives in dry conditions, so don't overwater.

Bay – bays are practical and ornamental hardy evergreen trees with aromatic leaves and small yellow flowers and can be kept small by growing in a pot and pruning.

Rosemary – an evergreen hardy shrub with aromatic leaves and small purple or white flowers that thrives in full sun and needs minimal pruning or attention.

March is the month for getting the garden ready for the summer months ahead, so here's what experts suggest for this month's gardening 'to do' list:

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around

the garden.

RHS advice: 'March is when winter turns to spring so start your month propagating and dividing and then get planting as the weather becomes milder. It's a great idea to plant your lilies at the end of the month and make sure you look after your snowdrops.'

Country Life: 'When buying bulbs, everyone seems to think of daffodils, tulips, crocus, but forget there are some great summer flowering bulbs too. Think gladioli, lilies, freesias, as well as unusual ones such as Sparaxis and Tigridia. They are super colourful and extra easy to grow. Summer flowering bulbs are ideal for dropping into any gap in the border, so if you've bought shrubs which haven't filled out quite yet, fill that space in the meantime with some bulbs.'

Michael Parry, founder of Grubby Gardeners

## What's on - News in brief

### Quiz night

LLANTWIT Major Bowls Club will hold a quiz night in the Llantwit Major Hall on Friday, February 22 at 7pm. Entry is £5 which includes refreshments.

Teams of six, although couples/singles can be formed into ad hoc teams on the night; all welcome. Contact Graham on 07925 199365 or Etta on 01446 622313 for further information.

### Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Colcot will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, February 23 between 10am and 11am in the Jenner Suite, Barry Town Football Club, Barry Road. No appointment necessary.

### Rhoose bingo

THE management committee at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, will be holding their monthly bingo afternoon on Saturday, February 23, doors open at 1.30pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

Light refreshments will be provided at the half time break, with the usual raffle; all welcome.

### Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' will meet for a beach clean on Sunday, February 24 at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island. Volunteers should meet near Marco's cafe for a 3pm start.

The litter pick lasts for an hour and equipment will be supplied. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but ask that children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

### Barry Floral Society

THE Barry Floral Society will meet at the St Nicholas Hall, Barry on Tuesday, February 26 at 2.15pm.

Local florist Nicola Hopkins of Budding Designs will pay her first visit to the club. New members welcome!

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# Superb win for Pencoed RFC against Taibach

THE opening 10 minutes of this game between Pencoed and Taibach saw relative parity at the scrum and play was littered with errors from both sides.

The visitors' outside half Aaron Jones opened the match scoring with a penalty goal from 22 metres.

The home response was immediate when following a driving maul deep in the visitors' 22, back row forward Rhys Bargery broke and with a weaving run beat several defenders to score, with Adam Williams adding the conversion.

Pencoed soon increased their lead, flanker Jack Thompson winning a vital turnover only a metre out and swift use of possession saw Williams race over. Jones then cut the deficit with a further penalty goal.

At this juncture the home side were conceding a number of penalties at the breakdown and with their lineout unable to guarantee possession continuity was proving difficult.

However, it was Pencoed who were next on the scoreboard, initially a penalty gave them position in the Taibach 22 and good handling through backs Shane Izatt, Rhys Clarke and Jamie Dyer culminated in skipper Dano Howells popping up wide out to shrug off the final defender to touch down.

As the interval approached the home side were put under pressure at a series of scrums only metres from their own line; this was compounded with a yellow card and there was a certain inevitability about the subsequent penalty try and at 17-13 at the break it was anyone's game.

Early during the second half the visitors regained the lead, outside half Jones breaking through the attempted tackle to score before adding the extras.

Once again the Pencoed response was immediate, winning the ball back from the restart with Clarke doing well to get his offload away to centre Lloyd Bargery who fended off the last defender to score the bonus point try in the corner for a 22-10 lead.

The introduction of replacement Ieuan Watkins then seemed to spur on the home side, Watkins' considerable experience and playing ability soon apparent.

Sustained Pencoed pressure deep

in the visitors' 22 then got its reward, centre Izatt picking a superb angle onto outside half Williams' pass to score at the posts, with Williams converting.

Back came the visitors, flanker Bargery doing exceptionally well to turn over possession deep in the home 22 under pressure from the Tigers.

Another Thompson turnover allowed Pencoed to clear their lines going into the final 10 minutes. The home side then scored arguably their try of the season to date to put the match out of the Tigers' reach, Izatt under pressure breaking tackles to burst clear from within his 22 to link with co-centre Bargery and good hands from Williams and Clarke saw Callum Palmer racing over, Williams adding a fine conversion from the touchline to lead 36-20.

Taibach returned to the attack and only superb line defence from the home side denied the black and ambers, Pencoed suffering a second yellow card in the process.

Another series of scrums followed but Pencoed scrummaged resolutely against the odds. The Tigers to their credit were not finished, however, and Ben Howells with a try in the corner brought matters to a close at 36-25.

Several home players put their hands up for the man of the match, in particular up front with prominent displays from Harri Legg Edwards who grafted hard alongside captain Howells; prop James Tredray was as industrious as ever, with the back row of Bargery, Thompson and Gareth Prentice ever eager.

Deservedly so, the man of the match accolade went to centre Izatt, whose determination and dynamism throughout was there for all to see.

This was an important victory for Pencoed given their current league position and providing coach Keith Burke has a strong pool of forwards to work with in terms of numbers, there is no reason over the remaining matches with plenty of points on offer and games in hand on the teams around them in the table a respectable final position cannot be achieved.

The team next return to league action at Seven Sisters on March 2.

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ABOVE: Adam Williams lines up a kick at goal. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.



ABOVE: Shane Izatt escapes a Taibach tackler to make a break.

# Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under 7s welcomed Cefn Cribwr for fantastic morning of open rugby.

Sports started slowly which allowed Cefn Cribwr to run in some well-worked tries. However, as the game progressed, the Sports played much better as a team and there were some great tries from Cian Elward, Dion Williams, Isaac Davies, Jesse Jones & Riley Lewis.

The result was a fair draw and there was a deserved man of the match for Logan Lewis who made some vital tags.

The under-8s also played Cefn Cribwr in a great friendly game of rugby.

It was great team effort from all the young players, particularly in defence. Aled Rees was top try scorer with five tries, Matthew Rees was top tagger with 12 tags.

Sports try Scorers were Aled Rees (5), Rhidian Cronin, Leo D'Adamo (3), Archia Hall, Gethin Roberts, Ollie Balmer, Oscar Clapham. Final score Bridgend Sports 13, Cefn Cribwr 6.

**The under-9s travelled to Llanharan for a round robin with the hosts and Llantwit Fardre.**

The Sports amassed a total of no less than 17 tries over three hard fought games and outscored both opponents.

Marley Chunonsee made numerous superb direct runs and was defensively solid to secure him star player. Gethin Jones also beat the defence a few times and put in some try-stopping tackles to win tackler of the week.

Scores: Llanharan 10 Bridgend Sports 35; Llantwit Fardre 25 Bridgend Sports 50. The Sports' try scorers were Dan Perriman (5), Gethin Jones (4), Marley Chunonsee (3), Thomas Roberts (3), Dan Flower and Rhianwen David.

**The under-10s played against a strong Skewen side.**

Sports try scorers were Leo Giraud, Osian Stephens (2), Billy Carpenter-Davies and Gethin Evans. The team player award was given to Jayden Walters for his work rate on defence, great support play and offloading. The final score was Bridgend Sports 45, Skewen 25.

**The under-11s also travelled to Skewen.**

A Finley Goodwin try ensured the Sports' pressure provided a return and they headed into half-time with a narrow 0-5 lead.

The Sports upped their game in the second half and they started the half

with a bang when Joe Major crossed in the corner.

The pack containing Finley Goodwin, Chloe Roblin, Dylan Evans, Matthew Oglesbee and Madison Rees took the game by the scruff and controlled the rucks and loose ball. This helped backs Joe Perriman, Joe Wright and Charlie Paget cross the line, and Dylan Evans and Madison Rees also scored.

Player of the week was Dylan Evans.

Final score Skewen 5, Bridgend Sports 35.

**The Under-12s were given a wake-up call on their visit to the seaside, as they lost 21-5 to an organised Portcawl.**

**The under-13s faced Clwb Rygbi Cymru Caerdydd.**

Both sides were a little cagey at the start, but it wasn't long before the Sports dictated a pattern that saw them overpower a skilful Clwb Rygbi side.

The Sports outscored their opponents by nine tries to three to win the game 53-17. Sports try scorers were Ben King (2), Cian John (2), Connor Jones (3), Megan Lewis and Theo Clarke. Ian John and Ieuan Pilliner shared the conversions.

Apart from the try scorers, there were some stand out performances for the Sports players which included Jack Morgan, Thomas Coles, Megan Lewis, Callum Lewis, Mackenzie Dent, Mollie Prance, and Lestyn John.

**After a few weeks without playing, the under-15s were keen to get out on the pitch away at Kenfig Hill.**

Despite some early handling errors, it was a brilliant team performance against a spirited side. Sports try scorers were Sam Goodwin (3), Rhys Vaughan, Jack Thomas, Archie Faulkner-Lerway, Joe Ezard and Luke Yates with conversions from Sam Goodwin (2) and Owain Peters (3), the final score 50-5. Man of the match went to Archie Faulkner-Lerway. Final score

With the season reaching the final weeks, the club has taken a bold decision to integrate this year's under-16s side into the youth squad early to assist with players development.

**The club plans to play a few under-17s games between now and the end of season to ensure all players enjoy game time.**

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# Porthcawl back to their best with impressive win over Builth Wells

FOLLOWING a few weeks of under-par performances, Porthcawl were keen to get back to playing expensive rugby and avenge the season's earlier close defeat at Builth Wells, as Builth made what was believed to be their first ever visit to Porthcawl.

Things didn't get off to the best of starts as from the very first attacking kick ahead, the visitors benefited from a charged down clearance and snatched up the first try inside a minute, which was converted: 0-7.

The Seaweeds roared back from that bad start and full-back Ben Thomas fed left wing Ross Jenkins, who stormed away on a mazy 60 metre run before being hauled down just short. However it wasn't long before Porthcawl's attacking

intent bore fruit as fly-half Josh White's pass found centre Aled Davies, who stormed over for White to convert and within seven minutes it was 7-apiece.

Fantastic approach work by the home pack set up a great position for White to chip through against a flat-footed defence, and Davis snapped up his brace try, converted by White on 15 minutes for 14-7, before White again punished

Builth with a great kick to touch from a penalty landing just inside the visitors' 22.

From the lineout, the Seaweeds pack drove purposefully before the ball switched back right, for hooker Jon Ludwig to pop a superb scoring pass to right wing Jake Thomas who dived over at the corner for an excellent try. White's conversion off touch was a fitting complement for 21-7, with Porthcawl in control.

From the kick-off flanker

Ben Asprea scythed seamlessly through the Builth defence only for his pass to Jake Furness to go astray, preventing what would likely have been the fourth Porthcawl try, just on half-time.

The visitors obviously had an interesting half-time chat as they switched the emphasis to a forward-orientated game, keeping the ball well-hidden with rolling maul after rolling maul: not pretty, but highly effective and it was this rather monotonous tactic that brought them right back into the match in the second half.

The scoreboard ticked on from 21-7 to 24-17 as Builth scored two tries, one converted, from the driving play that suited them best, interspersed only by a White penalty for the home side and at just one score adrift Builth Wells looked the more in control before another White penalty, a super effort

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# Lack of match practice costs the Tigers

**MATCHES against local opposition are always eagerly anticipated, with friendly rivalry stoked even more in this fixture by the presence of a number of ex-Llantwit Major players now wearing the green and white of Barry RFC, instead of the red and black of the Tigers.**

Unfortunately for the Tigers, their lack of recent match practice became very evident against a well-drilled Barry outfit who charged into a commanding lead by half-time.

For the Tigers, it is hoped that getting back up to full strength and having a run of games will provide the team with the confidence to re-capture the form seen earlier in the season and get back to winning ways.

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territory but once again failing to cut out the errors and unleash their backs.

Barry showed great determination in keeping out the Tigers, making good use of a full squad by continually rotating players and keeping the tiring Llantwit players from scoring, building on their first half score to eventually run out comfortable winners.

Congratulations to Barry on their win and good luck for the remainder of the season.

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# Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-7s welcomed Pontypridd to Newbridge Fields on Sunday.

Pontypridd showed up with a squad of 12 players, and even though the Ath had five players missing they were still able to field an impressive squad of 20 players.

Pontypridd showed some nice individual skill but had no answer to the Athletics' organised disciplined defence and support play. Both Bridgend Athletic teams - the Green and the Golds - comfortably outscored their opponents scoring at will.

Star players of the week were Joshua Owen for the Greens and Rohan Davies for the Golds. Next up for the under-7s is a trip to Llanishen.

**It was home again for the under-8s who took on Pontypridd in a return fixture.**

Pontypridd brought a squad of 14 players so could only field two seven-aside teams. The Ath numbers, by comparison, significantly outnumbered the visitors so fielded two teams, the Greens and Yellows, with nine and 10 players respectively.

The resultant need to play rolling substitutions meant the Ath struggled for continuity but the



*The under-9s in action against Pontypridd.*

players dealt with the challenge admirably.

The Ath's defence was exceptional, and supporters from both clubs were treated to a display of fast-paced, exciting tag rugby.

The Greens and Yellows each won two, lost one and drew one with a total of 36 tries scored and 175 tags made over the eight matches.

**The under-9s hosted Pontypridd.**

Pontypridd got off to a fast start racing into a 10-0 lead with the Ath defence not holding their positions. The Ath made 10 changes after the first quarter and were soon back in the game with three unanswered tries from Regan Henly.

Dylan Jones and Ethan Davies.

The third quarter saw Pontypridd score the only try to level the scores 15-15. Despite another individual try from Dylan Jones, it was Pontypridd who finished stronger scoring three tries and winning the game 30-20.

It was a poor performance from the Athletic but stand-out players in defence were Osian Kenny, Ethan Davies, Mason Brown, Ethan Morris, Regan Henly and Grayson Lewis Whelan.

**The under-10s welcomed a well-drilled Pontypridd.**

The first quarter was a close encounter with the Ath going 1-0 up with a good sole run from winger Jack who cut cleverly inside to score. Defence was strong from the Ath but a mistake put Ponty back in the game to make it 1-1 at the break.

During the second quarter, changes in the backs saw great individual skills from Oliver Williams to score two tries, making it 3-1.

The try of the game was scored after a brilliant break through

the defence by Charlie, who stormed 20 yards up the field, beating four tacklers before being held up 10 yards from the line.

He managed to turn and offload to the supporting run of Albert who scored in the corner.

Pontypridd performed well with a bare 10 players to score two tries of their own to make it 5-3 going into the final quarter.

There was great team work and two well-worked tries scored by Theo and Chaitu which made the final score 8-4 to the Athletic with Oliver Williams bagging a hat trick.

**After a run of hard fixtures, the under-13s travelled away to Rhiwbina for their latest match.**

The first half started off at a fast pace with both sides trying to keep the ball in hand and attack from everywhere. The Ath managed to get on the scoreboard first, Rhidian Greenhall charging over near the posts. The conversion was kicked by Charlie Rees, for the Ath to take a deserved 7-0 lead at half-time.

**There was no under-15 game with 13 of the team representing the District in a Dewar Shield game against Cardiff.**

The second half

started as a mirror image of the first and it was from a loose kick that the Ath scored again.

Great elusive running from Rhys Hockings meant he beat several attempted tacklers to score a great try. Charlie Rees successfully kicked the conversion again for the Ath to lead 14-0.

Rhiwbina then scored a converted try to take the scores to 14-7 heading into the last 10 minutes, but the Ath held out for the win.

**The under-14s visited Nantyfyllon.**

Nantyfyllon opened the scoring but from a penalty Jack Whitton tapped quickly and went on to score to make it 5-7, and he then scored again.

The Ath started well in the second half and Sam Barracough scored a good try to give his team some breathing space at 7-19.

Soon after though we were penalised in front of our posts and Nantyfyllon kicked the penalty for 10-19, but Sam B scored his second off the back of the set piece to take the score to 10-26.

Nanty scored in the corner for a final score of 15-26 in favour of the Athletic.

A few boys played in new positions and did well, thanks to Sam Barracough and Gabe Brown for giving it a go. There were some great individual performances from Archie Brent, Danny Wilson and Charlie Patterson in the forwards and Fynn Bull and Jack Whitton in the backs.

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**Brian Lee**

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## Titans and Hawks on Scrum V!

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**Mike Sully**

## How Arthur from Bridgend was the first Welshman to win the Powderhall Sprint

**IN my book *The Great Welsh Sprint – The story of the Welsh Powderhall Handicap 1903-1934*, I told how in 1930 Arthur Morgan, of Llangwydd, near Bridgend made pedestrian history by becoming the first Welshman to win the famed Scottish Powderhall Sprint.**



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## Bridgend Bridge Club results

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

The club Handicap Mixed Pairs competition was played over two Fridays: First, Jenny Vaughan and Tony Disley; second, Irene Thomas and Bill Turner; third, Emer Disley and Linda Jenkins.

On Wednesday, February 13: First, Tony Disley and John Evans; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham;

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## Cowbridge Darts League round-up

**ON Tuesday, February 12 the Edmondsons Arms hosted the finals night of the Commemorative Cup competition.**

In the first semi-final Maureen Fleming, Rob Jones and Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms), had match darts but were eventually beaten 2-1 by Lauren Spear, Luke Richards and Martin Thomas (Edmondsons B).

The second semi-final was just as close with Pam Adams, Dave Thomas and Owen Carter (Farmers Arms) losing 2-1 to Amanda Edwards, Michael O'Leary and Iain Jones (Victoria Inn).

In the final Lauren Spear, Luke Richards and Martin Thomas (Edmondsons B) took a 2-1 lead and had nine match darts to win 3-1, but Amanda Edwards, Michael O'Leary and Iain Jones (Victoria Inn) won the leg to tie the score 2-2 and set up the deciding leg.

It looked like Amanda

Edwards was going to hit the winning dart. Requiring a 115 out, first dart hit treble 5, second dart hit treble 20, that just left tops for game.

But it was not to be and Luke Richards hit the next double and so Lauren Spear, Luke Richards and Martin Thomas (Edmondsons B) won 3-2 and are this year's champions.

Present league standings after 12 weeks are: Edmondsons B (81 points), Highwayman Inn (76), Edmondsons A (68), Victoria Inn (55), Farmers Arms (52), Llanharry (48), Hairy Farmers (47), Edmondsons C (36), One Town Hall Square (34) and Red Lion Inn (16).

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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**ON Sunday, February 17, Bridgend Athletic youth players Jack Obbard and Dan O'Sullivan featured for the Ospreys under-18s in an impressive 29-15 victory over a strong RGC outfit.**

The game was played on the 4G pitch at Bae Baglan Comprehensive school.

Dan playing inside centre returning from a long injury started the game and ran well and tackled strongly helping set up one of

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## Birthdays

**JILL EVANS**  
formerly  
**JILL MORGAN**  
(of West End, Llantwit Major)

## AMENDED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Jill's funeral will take place at 11.30am on Thursday, 28th February in St James's Church, Colwall, Nr. Malvern, Worcestershire, followed by private cremation in Hereford.

**EBERT**  
**John David**

Passed away on Friday, 15th February 2019 at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

Loving husband of Gwyneth, much loved dad of Helen, Jayne and son-in-laws Andy and Clive. Adored granddad to Laura, Siôn, Paul and Jonathan.

*John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 28th February at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made at the service in memory of John to support Cystic Fibrosis and Tenovus.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis. Further enquiries contact 01446 407962.

**BARNETT**  
**Kathryn (née Langford)**

Peacefully on 9th February 2019, Kathryn beloved wife of Bill, much loved mum of John and Michael.

*Kathryn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 25th February at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 10.30am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth in memory of Kathryn.

Please wear no black attire but her favourite colour purple or lilac.

**RINGHAM**  
**Horace**

Passed peacefully after a long illness at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth on 16th February, aged 93 years. Beloved father of Paul, David and the late John and their families. Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Monday, 4th March at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

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*Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 6th March at 2pm, followed by interment at Zoar Chapel, Bonvilston.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Holy Trinity Church, Barry c/o the funeral director.

**KAY**  
**Catherine June**

Passed peacefully on 11th February surrounded by her husband John and family. Catherine 'June' of Pen-y-Cae, Bridgend, beloved wife of John, a dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Pam & Clive, Karan & Terry, William & Lori and Micheal & Debbie. Treasured grandmother of David, Barry, Dan and Sarah and a devoted great grandmother of Daisy and Betty.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 7th March at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to the Alzheimer's Society ([www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)) or c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel No 01656 650831.

**LEWIS**  
**Pastor Glyn**

Peacefully at home on 10th February, in the presence of his family. Glyn was called home to Glory. Dearly beloved husband of Joy, loving father of Rachel and Matthew, doting grandfather of Charley, much loved brother of Linda.

*Glyn will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and his church family at Mount Pleasant where he faithfully served as an elder for many years.*

Thanksgiving service to be held at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadoxton, Barry on Friday, 1st March at 10.30 am, then at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made to the British Heart Foundation.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

**ALFORD**  
**Nina**

Peacefully passed away on 4th February 2019, aged 98 years. Much loved mum to Jennifer and Elaine. Also cherished man and grandma.

*Nina will be sadly missed by all who knew her.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at St John's Methodist Church, Barry Island on Wednesday, 27th February at 2pm, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in memory of Nina in favour of Cartref Porthcawl Residential Home at the service.

**CROSS**  
**Catherine Elizabeth**  
**(Known as Kit)**  
**(née Edward)**  
**(Formerly of Cadoxton, Barry)**

After a short illness on 28th January, Catherine passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 86 years. Much loved mother of Michele, mother-in-law to Stewart, adored grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 28th February at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys.

**HILBERG**  
**Shirley (née Coombes)**

Passed away peacefully at home on 14th February, surrounded by those who loved her most. Beloved wife of Rodney, cherished mum to Joanne, Nicola and Leigh-Ann, much loved sister to Lynne, and a wonderful grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt.

*Shirley will be sadly missed by all who were privileged to know her.*

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Tynewydd Road, Barry until the funeral service at 1pm on Thursday, 28th February at Cardiff and Glamorgan crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Informal clothing please, flowers are welcome or donations in lieu will go to British Heart Foundation.

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ACT 1990  
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COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 43 LLANTWIT  
MAJOR)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2018**

On the 8th February 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The effect of the Order will be to divert the public footpath running from the adopted highway (Boverton Road) (NGR 298576 168444) to the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298577 168556 and create an alternative footpath on a line running from the adopted highway (Boverton Road) NGR 298576 168444 to the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298605 168534 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Order map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 8th February 2019 but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may, under section 287 of the Act within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to the Act, make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 21st February 2019



**HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAW  
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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2018**

Ar 8 Chwefor 2019 cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 257 Ddeddf Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref 1990.

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PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER  
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On 8th February, 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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**THE recent Welsh Stillwater  
Championships saw Vale Surf  
Lifesaving Club competing  
across all age groups from  
Nippers to Masters.**

The Nipper section of the club was represented by Summer Hurley, Harry Nicholas, Kaiya Takata, Katie Luen-Twinning, Esma Bennett, Gethin Barber, Evie Barber, Jessica Oakley, Katie Oakley, Honor Hopkin, Elinor Burrows, Owen Boffy, Freya Dobson and Oliver Nolan, the majority of whom were first-time competitors not only at a Stillwater competition but also in a 50 metre pool. Each and every member of the team put in excellent performances.

Harry Nicholas was superb in the 8yr Manikin Carry event winning a gold medal and he also won a bronze medal in the Board Race and came in fourth place in the Flipper Race. Gethin Barber was excellent in the Manikin Carry finishing in fourth place while Elinor Burrows achieved a brilliant fifth place in the Manikin Carry.

Top 10 places were also achieved by Honor Hopkin who finished ninth in the Board Race, Kaiya Takata who finished eighth in the Flipper Race and 10th in the Manikin Race and Summer Hurley finishing ninth in the Flipper Race.

In the Tube Rescue, Katie Luen-Twinning and Kaiya finished in ninth position with Gethin and Harry finishing in 10th position in the boys' event. In Board Rescue Gethin and Harry finished ninth while the girls Medley Relay team of Honor, Freya, Evie and Katie Luen-Twinning finished in 10th place.

In the Boat Relay event the guesting team of Ollie, Owen, Gethin, Harry, Kaiya and Honor achieved an excellent seventh place.

Despite being such a small team the Nippers finished in 11th place overall and everyone at Vale SLSC is extremely proud of them all.

Many thanks to Nia for managing the team and to Gem for her help on the day, also it was great to see so many of the older members of the club travelling to Swansea to support the Nippers in their first Stillwater competition.

The Junior, Senior and Masters team competed over two days bringing back several medals and personal bests, with the combined team finishing in seventh place overall.

In the boys' under-17 competition Reuben Hopkin put in fine performances to win a bronze in the

Manikin Carry and bronze in the Super lifesaver. Reuben finished in seventh place in the under-17 Rescue Medley and also competed in the Open Manikin Carry event where he finished in an excellent ninth position despite being the youngest competitor in the race.

Emily Parker produced a very fast time to win a gold medal in the under-17 Manikin Tow with Fins and retain her Welsh Champion title despite being only 15-years-old.

She also put in strong performances to finish sixth in the Manikin Carry with Fins and fifth in the Super Lifesaver.

Competing for Vale SLSC for the first time Maisie Edwards finished a superb fifth place in the under-17 Manikin Carry, sixth in the Open swim, sixth in the Rescue Medley and eighth in the Super lifesaver.

Just outside the medal positions but gaining valuable points for the club was Ben Ewington putting in an excellent performance to finish fourth in the under-15 Manikin Tow with Fins, fifth in the Manikin Carry and sixth in the Manikin Carry with Fins.

Ben teamed up with Louie Gwatin to finish in fourth place in the under-15 rope throw. In the Open event, Dafydd Nicholls finished just outside the medals in fourth place in the Rescue Medley with Declan Ewington finishing in ninth place.

The small Masters' team of Jo Nicholas, Nia Hopkin, Gemma Ewington, Becky Helmore, Darren Baker and Simon Parker finished in ninth position out of 15 clubs, winning several medals between them.

Competing for Vale SLSC for the first time Jo Nicholas put in a brilliant performance to win a silver medal in the Manikin Carry event.

Nia Hopkin and Becky Helmore won a silver medal in the ladies Rope Rescue with Simon Parker and Darren Baker winning a silver medal in the men's Rope Rescue.

Simon Parker also won a bronze medal in the Manikin Carry and a silver medal in the Rescue Medley.

Many thanks to Aled James from Rhoose Dental Practice for sponsoring the Stillwater T-Shirts which all competitors wore with pride during the competition and to all the parents who helped with timekeeping duties throughout the weekend.

Vale SLSC is looking forward to competing in the GB Stillwater Championships in Cardiff in April.

JP

# Llantwit Major RFC run in six tries in win against Tonyrefail

**THE Blood and Blacks turned on the style as they recorded an emphatic win against a strong Tonyrefail side.**

When this group of Llantwonians click they really do click, and why their league ranking shrouds a team which is far stronger than their mid-table obscurity shows.

Llantwit had done their homework on their opponents who had a big heavy pack and a good kicking game so they knew they had to be quick out of the blocks and rely on high tempo rugby to tire out their opponents.

The Llantwonians kept to the script perfectly as they scored three tries in the first quarter to race into a 21-0 lead.

The first try came straight from the off as Llantwit, playing towards the clubhouse, received the ball from start set about obtaining

good field positioning by setting up platforms with strong runs and then gradually pinning back their opponents with some fine kicking.

In no time they were on the Tonyrefail 22 and with some more powerful runs edged forward until big tight-head prop Dave Taylor went hunting for the whitewash as he broke through and, showing some lovely footwork for a big man, left two further defenders in his wake as he steamed over. The conversion was added by outside half Loz Howley.

The second came from some good field positioning and then when awarded a five metre scrum on the Tonyrefail line, the pack again showed they were more than a match for their big opponents

as once the ball was secured at the back they dug deep, pushing them back, and when the scrum was wheeled under the pressure,



Evan Holloway sets off on his way to score his second try.

number eight Rob Carter took the opportunity to pick the ball up from the base and dive over the whitewash.

Howley added the two points.

The third try followed as the backs decided they had had enough of the big boys stealing the limelight.

The move started as hooker Huw Williams seized a spilled ball from a Tonyrefail attack just inside their half and with lovely hands offloaded to centre Josh Austin who made good ground until brought down. Brothers Rhys David at openside flanker and captain Geraint at prop then combined well to keep the move flowing towards the Bowling green corner.

The next phase quickly changed direction as the ball was whisked back across field and centre Austin was again on hand to gain crucial space in spotting a mis-match in mid-field as he stepped inside two opponent forwards before releasing partner centre Joel Thomas, who charged through two desperate cover tackles to go over for another converted try.

With the scoreboard rattling up you would think this was one-way traffic for the home side, but this couldn't be further from the truth as the visitors were battling hard but they just couldn't manage to gain many opportunities of their own and break the Llantwit defensive line. They did, however, manage to claw back first three points when some good pressure gave them a penalty in front of the sticks, and then before the break gave themselves hope as a period of forward dominance in the Llantwit 22 earned them a well-deserved unconverted try.

"The boys also did well, with many pupils reaching the top 30. As a school we are very proud of these amazing achievements."

Gwenno Goode.



**GWENNO Goode from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg became Welsh Champion in cross country when the year-9 pupil competed in the National Welsh Schools Championship in Brecon.**

She took the gold medal for pupils in year-8 and 9, over a distance of 3.7km.

Gwenno (15) will now represent Wales in the British Championship.

She said: "It was an exciting competition, full of runners from all around the country. By now, I'm quite used to these sort of competitions, but I was still nervous on the day as I wanted to run the best that I could!"

Mr Beynon,  
the PE teacher at

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg was very proud of Gwenno's achievement, but also, of several other competitors on the day. He said: "We had 14 pupils representing the school. Moli Lyons, year-10 came second throughout Wales in her age-group, and Manon Pearce, of year-9, came sixth in the same competition as Gwenno.

"The boys also did well, with many pupils reaching the top 30. As a school we are very proud of these amazing achievements."

Gwenno and Moli will now go on to represent Wales in Ireland at the end of March. Pob dymuniad da iddynt!

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# Disappointment for Barry RFC's threadbare seconds

**BARRY second XV travelled to Llanishen on Saturday, hoping to continue with their upward momentum.**

Their preparations were not helped by disruptions due to injuries and players unavailable, plus the on-going Six Nations. Nonetheless, Barry managed to field another competitive side as they travelled to the capital.

Barry began the game with an intensity that their hosts struggled to live with and were rewarded early on when Ethan Dicks intercepted to race through for a converted try.

Unfortunately, that was as good as it got as Barry's threadbare squad were exposed in the latter parts of the game.

Llanishen came back into the game with a measured approach and negated the power of the Barry scrum by going uncontested.

Barry kept on battling, but it was the home side who went into the interval ahead on points.

With the hosts rolling on their substitutes, Barry unleashed player-manager

Joel Williams after a long injury lay-off to try to stem the tide.

However, a serious injury to Dominic Busutil halted the visitors in their tracks and disrupted any attacking momentum. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Barry defended as a unit but their opponents' fresh legs held sway in the second period, despite the efforts of Cotter, Hewitson and Allen in his second game for the club.

The visiting side had to see out the latter periods of the game with only 13 on the pitch following more injuries as Llanishen made hay.

The final result of 32-7 was harsh on a Barry side full of spirit. Let us hope that they can regroup after the next round of Six Nations games to return with a bang.

**Team:** Mepham; Forrester, Busutil, Dicks, Wheeler, Hewitson, Cotter; Velda, Bowditch, Hunt; Allen, Hall; Morris, Corson, Harding. **Replacements:** Williams.

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## Barry Swimming Club hold presentation night and AGM

**ON January 26 Barry Amateur Swimming Club held their 93rd AGM and presentation evening at the BP Sports and Social Club in Sully.**

Chairman Heulwen Cooper welcomed everyone including life members, representatives of Barry Beavers and special guest Paralympian swimmer Sam Hynd.

Sam represented Great Britain at top international level for well over a decade; he has held a number of world records and won medals in the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Paralympics in the S8 category.

In her report, the chairman stated that while female members still outnumbered males, the gap is narrowing and this should help the club regain their competitive swimming abilities.

At present the club's small team of volunteer coaches, who run sessions regularly, have been augmented by some new volunteers, four of whom are currently working hard on a Level 1 coaching course which has been arranged at the Barry pool.

However, the club can always do with more help at poolside and would also welcome offers to support the small committee and administrative team. There are numerous tasks which need to be undertaken and decisions to be made in order to run a successful swimming club.

Future events include the Postal Long Distance Swim, to be held in early February. This is entered by clubs from all over the UK and in recent years club members have won a few first places and medals. At the beginning of March, the club is hoping to send a team to a gala in Rhondda, and later in the month Barry are hosting a home gala.

In May, the club will be holding their sprint championships. In mid-July, the Cardiff Bay meet will take place; the chairman reiterated that this is a very large event organised by Barry for almost 30 years, the success of which relies heavily on volunteer support from parents.

The report provided by the treasurer indicated that the club continues to be in a good financial position.

The club captains for the forthcoming year were announced: Iestyn Perkins was asked to continue in the role of Boys' captain and the post of girls' captain is to be shared between Pia Sully and Nia Fuller. Heulwen then

welcomed Sam Hynd to tell everyone about his competing in the Olympics and how he won his medals. Sam then presented trophies and medals to the boys and girls who competed in the club championships held over three weeks in November. Special cups were then awarded to some outstanding club members.

Best runners-up were Nia Fuller and Alfie Sargeant, both came second in every one of the championship races in November. Best newcomer awards went to Elizabeth Filise and Cai Selby, best novice swimmers were Rosie Chick and Daniel Halliday and the most improved swimmers were named as Gwenno Davies and Alfie Sargeant.

Iestyn Perkins was presented with the Loyalty Cup; he helps with the training and is a reliable club member.

Eleri Borges was awarded Lady Club Member of the Year for her work with the youngest club members over a number of years and Nigel Ralphs was Male Club Member of the Year for all his help and hard work at poolside.

Following the presentation of awards club members had the opportunity to chat to Sam Hynd and actually wear an Olympic medal.

The club will be holding trials on the morning of Sunday, February 17 between 9am and 10am; if anyone is interested please contact the membership secretary on 07866 078665.

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# Llantwit Major reserves' good form continues

**LLANTWIT** Major reserves added to their impressive run in the calendar year, winning four of their five last games after defeating Pontardawe 2-1 at Windmill Lane on Saturday.

The previous meeting saw the opposition win 3-0 in September. However, the reserve side were keen to put the record straight with a new lease of confidence and experience in the tough division.

Llantwit started well with a few chances at goal, Josh Morgan and Max Morgan both having decent chances to get an early goal but failed to hit the target after good movement and buildup play from their team.

Pontardawe's young side were on the back foot for most of the first half but looked a threat on the counter attack. Fortunately, the defence stood tall and stopped any attacks forming.

After defence-cutting balls from Gethin Jennings, the 20 minute mark saw a succession of lobs from Leeroy Jones, Max Morgan and Lewis Brown with efforts all going over the bar. This built up frustration as the home side were doing more than enough to score.

Finally the first goal came on the half hour mark, Josh was brought down in the area after going past the defender.

Glyn Davies ran up and took the penalty, calmly slotting the ball passed the keeper's right as he went the other way.

The second half saw the away side enjoy possession and trapped Llantwit in their own half as the pitch deteriorated, leading to mistakes at the back.

This led to a Pontardawe penalty which was missed, a major let-off for the reserves which now resulted the team playing in the right areas of the pitch.

Josh yet again had a chance to score after a bit of individual magic saw him cleverly touch a long ball across the defenceman straight at the keeper.

With Llantwit knocking on the door, their second came on the 60 minute mark. A Davies' delivery met Leeroy Jones at the back post who brilliantly volleyed into the opposite corner of the net.

At 2-0 with 10 minutes to go, Pontardawe grabbed one back to make a nervous finish. This, with Jennings seeing red, added to the nerves but his team rode out the pressure to get a well-deserved win.

**Team:** S. McMillan, A. Wrigley, J. Cutler, G. Davies, R. Malton, C. Vinson, G. Jennings, L. Jones, L. Brown, M. Morgan, J. Morgan, M. Gore, S. Phillips, M. Gingell.

Substitutes:

J. T. McCullagh, D. Williams, G. Davies, C. Edwards, C. Vicary, K. James.

## St Valentine's Day competition held at Brynhill Golf Club

THE ladies section of Brynhill Golf Club celebrated St Valentine's Day a few days early on February 12 by competing in a 10 hole stableford 'Meet for Lunch' competition.

Not all ladies entered the competition, but 21 did – with Glynis Gould coming in with a winning score of 18 points beating Robbie Lee over the back five.

Lunch was enjoyed by all and then a much anticipated raffle took place.

The recently appointed ladies captain, Jo Kirkpatrick, thanked those who played. She thanked the caterer, lady vice-captain, Lisa Taylor and secretary, Diane Tapscott, who sold the raffle tickets.

The prizes for past winter competitions were presented; 'Muddy Trolls,' held on January 8, the winner was Robbie Lee, 14 points over the back 5 from Linda Hewlett and 'Slippery Slopes' held on January 22, the winner was Lisa Taylor with 14 points.

If you are interested in taking up golf and would like more information, contact Jo Kirkpatrick or Nicky Duvall on 01446 720277



Robbie Lee receiving her prize from lady captain, Jo Kirkpatrick.



Glynis Gould receiving her prize from lady captain, Jo Kirkpatrick.

## Farmers reconnect with their clubs

AFTER an eight-week break from walking the fairways due to Christmas, and more recently a fall of snow, members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society were relieved to get back into action last Thursday for the delayed January meeting at Coed Y Mwstwr Golf Club and to compete for the Llanharan Concrete Company-sponsored prizes.

Having enjoyed dry weather at every monthly meeting since being installed as captain, Keith James was hoping to complete his year in office with another dry day, but unfortunately a few squally showers brought that to an end.

The golf course was in remarkably good condition for the time of year and together with the excellent hospitality and friendliness of the staff at Coed Y Mwstwr, 26 participants had a really enjoyable day's entertainment including an exhibition of buggy



Winning golfers Glyn Watts-Jones, Clive Edwards and Charles Vicary with sponsor Gino Cocco and society Captain Keith James.

driving by Godfrey Lewis assisted by navigator Lyn Thomas not witnessed before.

Playing for the Llanharan Concrete Company Rose Bowl and one of the many quality prizes supplied by the sponsor proved a real incentive, with three members all finishing with identical scores of 32 stableford points.

With scores over the back nine being the deciding factor, the 17 points accumulated by Colwinston resident, Charles Vicary, won the visitors' section with 28 points, just seeing off the challenge of the Cowbridge RFC touch judge Rob Price who scored 27 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were David Williams, Geraint Davies and the oldest competitor on the

nine was Glyn Watts-Jones followed by Bryan Owen who could only accumulate 14 points on the back nine. Brian Lakin with 30 points finished in fourth place.

Yet another Colwinston resident, Charles Vicary, won the visitors' section with 28 points, just seeing off the challenge of the Cowbridge RFC touch judge Rob Price who scored 27 points.

The society was delighted to welcome to the evening's presentation ceremony Mr Gino Cocco of Llanharan Concrete Ltd

to present the prizes. Gino, who will be 91 next month, was captain of the society in 2010 and was someone whose presence was always appreciated.

The Society was saddened to hear of the passing of former member Graham Walker. Graham joined the society in 1986 and was captain in 1995; Graham was a character who will be sadly missed.

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## Racing Rogues of the Vale!

**IN my book** *Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press at £14.99), the Vale, being a hot bed for horse racing, figures quite a lot.

One of my stories tell of a maiden race – a race for horses which had never previously won – which took place at the Pentrehyd Hunt evening meeting at St Hilary near Cowbridge in 1975.

*Prince Haven 11*, owned, bred and trained by Dillwyn Thomas of Cefn Cribwr, a legend in Welsh hunt-racing racing circles, was judged to have dead-heated with Mr A Taylor's Swedish-bred *Quip*.

However, in the opinion of many of the racegoers, including myself, *Prince Haven 11* had won the race outright. And so did the bookmakers, who paid out those who had backed the horse.

The winning post at St Hilary was a long way from the natural grandstand from where most people watched the racing but even so, most people thought *Prince Haven 11* had won.

*Prince Haven 11* was ridden by Henry Blake, a best-selling author of books on communicating with horses.

Another big gamble that I tell of in my book took place at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Steeplechases at Ystradwen on May 4, 2002.

It came off in the first division of the open maiden race when *Nearly Noble*, a nine-year-old bay gelding owned and trained by Robert Rowsell and ridden by his then wife Lucy, a champion point-to-point rider, bolted home an official four lengths winner from

*Good Morning* ridden by the Vale's James Tudor.

*Nearly Noble*'s form figures on the racecard read 047-0 – hardly

the kind of form which would have inspired punters to have backed him. Lucy had given the horse a super ride and despite making a mistake at the second last fence, won easily enough.

Interviewing her husband after the race, I discovered that Robert had bought the horse in Ireland just a matter of weeks earlier from Jim Draper, son of the legendary Irish trainer Tom Draper, of Arkle Ystradwen had faced

that day as earlier, another Irish-bred horse, *Power N' Glory*, backed from 4-1 to 2-1 and trained by Bridgend's John Moore and ridden by Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan, won the confined race for Irishman Cyril Campbell.

\* You can e-mail your racing stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or Tom Draper, of Arkle Ystradwen had faced phone 02920 736438.

## The Barry and District League tables and results

**CRIB DIVISION 1:** Harbour B 3, Wyndham Cons A

Rhoose Social 6, Moors Boys 9; 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Penarth Cons West End Runaways 6, Liberals 9; 1; Cadoxton Wildcats 0, Cadoxton Cadoxton Cons 6, Wyndham Cons 9.

Cons B 5; Savoy A 1, Harbour B League table: Rhoose Social 143, Liberals 130, Wyndham Cons 129, Cadoxton Cons 122, West End Runaways 118, West

End 113, Moors Boys 109. B46, Penarth Cons A 39, Rhoose Social B 34, Cadoxton Wildcats 31, Liberators 26, Market Street B 24.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 2:** West End B 2, Rhoose Social C 3, Wyndham Cons D 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Market Street C 2, Sully Sports A 3; Harbour A 4, West End A 1.

League table: Savoy B 59, Rhoose Social C 57, Cadoxton Cons A 54, Penarth Cons B 53, Market Street C 50, \*Services Social B 48, Harbour A 46, Wyndham Cons D 45, West

End A 40, Sully Sports A 36, West End B 28 (\* = points deducted).

**SNOOKER DIVISION 1:** Slammers 60.5, Rhoose Social B 53.0, Liberals A 50.5, Barries Boys 44.5, Cambrian Flyers 31.5. View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk. JW

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Tuesday, February 12: 1 Mike Close and Jenny Vaughan 66.17 per cent; 2 Noelle Bond and Mick Green 59.58 per cent; 3 Peter Millar and Denis Mottram 59.08 per cent. The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

New members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may

Linda Houston

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## On and off the turf

### with Brian Lee

**M E R T H Y R Mawr's Jack Tudor, aged 16, who was badly injured when a loose horse struck into his mount at the first of the two Curre & Llangibby Point-To-Point Steeplechases last November, and who was hospitalised after breaking his tibia and fibia, returned to the course for the second of the two Curre & Llangibby fixtures on Sunday (February 17) and earned the biggest cheers of the day when landing the restricted open race on the family-owned and trained**

**Billygwyn Too,** which took up the running five fences out from the pacemaking Gowell, ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft.

Jack, whose father Jonathan Tudor was a successful amateur rider, said: "It was

lovely to come here and ride a winner on my first ride back and thanks go to all the family who have helped out."

**Billygwyn Too,** which went off the 6-4 favourite, is by Dr Massini which is also the sire of Accordini which won division one of the split open maiden race. Accordini, an 8-1 chance, won by three lengths from Field Master, and was ridden by James King, aged 23, who had won the opening hunt members' race on The Shinton Family's Fateh, the odds-on favourite which had 20 lengths to spare over Union Jack D'Ycy.

**Accordini**, owned by Mr JP Hoskins, is trained by Gareth Moore in the Bridgend area, who said of his winner: "He can be a bit quirky at times."

Closest finish of the day came in the PPORA Novice Riders' Race in which Son Of Suzie, partnered by Jacob Pritchard Webb, aged 22, got home by half-a-length from the blinkered Victory Mill,

despite making a mistake at the final obstacle. The men's open race went to the Ryan Potter owned and trained

French-bred Don Bersy which made nearly all the running to score by four lengths from the Byron Moorcroft-ridden Ramble On.

Six horses faced the starter for the ladies' open race and Phil Rees' 11-year-old bay gelding AlfStar took up the running under Alice Stevens to lead four fences out and went on to win by five lengths from the favourite Double Captain.

Trainer Joanne Priest said: "He's a lovely horse and is the reason I get up in the morning."

The second division of the open maiden was won by 14-1 shot Positive Touch, which under 24-year-old Shane Quinlan won by a length from Majingilane.

Moorcroft's mount

Matts Legacy appeared to be travelling well only to fall four fences from the finish. The winner and the runner-up were the only two horses to finish.

#### Tim's Musselburgh winner

Copper Gone West, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, was one of the first horses after the equine flu lockdown to win a race.

Sent on a 381-mile trip to Musselburgh last Wednesday, six-year-old Copper Gone West, backed from 6-1 to 9-2, ran out an easy four-and-a-half lengths winner of the opening Betway Mares' Maiden Hurdle from the 1-4 favourite, Popering Ginger.

Copper Gone West was ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns from west Wales, who had high hopes of landing a double with Vaughan's *Midnight Queen* in the closing Betway Novices' Handicap Hurdle, but unfortunately, the mare fell at the last fence the race being won by the odds-on favourite Telsen Barley.

Copper Gone West wasn't the only Welsh winner at the meeting as Field Exhibition, trained by Chepstow's Grace Harris, took the Betway Mares' Novice Handicap Hurdle.

There were only three runners and Copper Gone West, partnered by Daniel McMechamin, won by 11 lengths from Sarvi.

## Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

**DIVISION 1:** J Holland & C Fenton Cigar Ladies 252 (J 25), Rugby Triers 240 (S Cogbill 24).

Division 3: Sea View Ladies 244 (F Butler 28), Special Angels 261

& S Humphries 26, Westenders 219 (G Somers 26); Witches 235

(Y Curnow 25), Merry Makers 228 (R Collins 26); Hillbillies 292

(T Carey 32), Off the Rails 313 (G Griffiths 37); Uptown Girls 208 (J Cosslett 27), Etcereta 244 (M Grasby 28).

Division 4: Optimists 197 (J Holland 24), Boozy Birds 247 (C Connell 27), Odd Bods 215 (K Dutton & T Tew 24).

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League made three cheque presentations to charities following its charity Christmas raffle.

The cheques which totalled £815 were presented by the chairwoman of the skittles league Cyndy Fenton at the monthly secretaries' meeting on February 4.

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## The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**WHAT** a day in leaders AFC Rhoose and we start in the Premier Division, where leaders Barry Athletic were handed a big and surprising 5-2 loss by Cowbridge Town.

Luke Degab grabbed a brace with Jack Gavin, Lloyd Lewis and Jack Cassie getting one each. The result blows the title race wide open now, as AFC Rhoose are seven points behind Athletic with two games in hand.

In the other Premier Division game down at the opposite end of the table, goals from Rained Jones, Jamie Ross and Dan Lawlor saw Sully Sports see off St Athan 3-0, a result which leaves St Athan adrift at the bottom.

In Division One, Champions Holton Road's 100 per cent record is finally over as Cadoxton Imps become the first team to take anything from the champions in the league this season with a fantastic 2-0 victory, Jamie Livingston and Zach Cleary with the goals.

A phenomenal run of 15 league victories by Holton Road that saw them clinch the title in January must be lauded while Imps stay three points behind second-placed Tynewydd who narrowly edged out Cwm Talwg 1-0. Cardiff Airport picked up their first win in six with a huge victory over SP Billy, Airport go fifth with the victory.

In Division Two,

## Ladies reach final after five-goal win

**BARRY** Town United Ladies went into their South Wales FA Women's Cup semi-final against Cascade YC looking to continue their strong defence of the trophy from last season knowing this was going to be a tough encounter.

The club were also looking to bounce back from a disappointing League Cup extra-time defeat the previous weekend against Spolott Albion.

This fixture, played at Cardiff University in Llanrumney, was to be the third meeting between the two teams

this season with Barry running out 5-2 and 2-1 winners in the previous encounters and knew that Cascade were always going to battle hard with a final place at stake.

The opening stages of the game saw both teams attempting to exert some early pressure with the game played at a fast pace. Both teams failed to create a clear goal scoring opportunity in the opening 15 minutes, only being restricted to long range efforts.

Barry were looking particularly dangerous in wide areas and looking to break the offside trap set by the Cascade defence and forward Sian Rees almost gave Barry the lead when put through on goal but her



Action from the game.

effort from a difficult angle across goal went inches wide.

An injury to midfield player Tracey White saw Barry make a tactical switch with Courtney Martin-Luce coming on and Emily Bayliss making her debut, switching to play up front alongside Rees with Ellen Phillips moving into midfield.

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goal was to be a

big confidence boost to

Barry who went on to

control the rest of the

first half and rack up

another three goals in a

five-minute spell before

half-time.

Bayliss once again

broke free down the

left and her pass to

Rees was deflected into

the net off a Cascade

defender on 40 minutes.

Rees was not to be

denied three minutes

later as she converted

from close range to

make it 3-0 before another corner from Preen went direct into the goal at the near post to make it 4-0 on the stroke of half-time.

With Barry in a commanding position and playing with confidence, the second half saw them control the majority of possession but credit must go to Cascade who never gave up and kept attempting to put Barry under some pressure.

Abbie Davies went close on two occasions but couldn't hit the target when put through on goal and Brennan made a good save to keep Barry's clean sheet intact.

Bayliss had two good opportunities herself to mark her debut with a goal but Williams saved well on both occasions

to deny the recent signing.

However Barry's fifth and final goal came from another set piece, Preen with another fine delivery finding defender Holly Vowles at the back post who converted to score her third goal of the season.

The result will be a big confidence booster for Barry who now progress to the final where they will take on Merthyr Town who defeated Rhos 4-2 in the other semi-final match. The final will take place on Saturday, May 4 at Penybont FC with the kick-off time to be confirmed.

Barry will now return to league action on Sunday, February 24 with a home fixture against Rhos to be played at Jenner Park Stadium with a 2pm kick-off.

Team: Brennan, Clarke, Vowles, Hurrell, Allen, White, Townsend, Bayliss, Preen, Rees, Phillips. Substitutes: Thompson, Cannon (65), Martin-Luce (20), Page.

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## Barry and District Men's Skittles League

**DIVISION 1:** Exiles 273 (A Clissett Geest 269 (R Finlay 29); Ex-Servicemen 32); Sea View 293 (B (R Williams 23), Hairy Watkins 28); Bunker Boys 270 (A (Jeynes 32).

29); Cannon Balls 267 (I Forsyth 28); KP Rejects 320 (P Smith, T Dawe 29), Merrymen 385 (Mones 39); Blue Monkey 267 (N Phillips, C Paget, R Fox 26), Billy Whizz 278 (L Hunt 31); Posties 259 (M Gallimore, B Usher, J Herridge 25), 49ers 290 (D Roberts 30); British Rail 305 (K Brown 31), Willie Wombles 262 (J Norris 30).

League table: Park Lads 26, H Bells 20, Cavaliers 18, Mighty Dockers 16, Hairy Lemons 16, Ex-Servicemen 14, Exiles 13, Colcot Boys 12, BP Breakaways 12, Barry Park B 12, Tynny Lads 11, Witchill Poachers 8.

### DIVISION 3:

Castle Boys 268 (K Eweleigh 29), Abercrete 262 (Rick Mountjoy 27); Park Rangers 262 (S James 29), C.U.D. 223 (B Rees 31); Alternatives 265 (M Davies 29), Billy Bluebirds 239 (A James 26).

League table: Park Rangers 22, Billy Bluebirds 16, Cocoa Nuts 16, Witchill Nomads 15, Castle Boys 14, Alternatives 14, Abercrete 12, Glenbrook Flyers 12, Royalists 11, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

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## Golfers enjoy the conditions

**IN** improving, but still very cold conditions, 27 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section played a team Yellow Ball competition over 15 holes.

Sadly, however, Martin's two fellow team members (including this reporter) were not on their best form on the day and the team just failed to make the placings. Against a nominal par score of 60 points for two scores counting over 15 holes, an excellent winning score of 72 was posted by the team of Roger Hatton, Brian Peacock and Mike Cook. Just two back on 70 points were Gordon Campbell, John Paton and Roger's brother, Phil Hatton.

The morning progressed, the sun broke through and with jackets coming off and the still damp greens holding a well-struck approach shot, a remarkable birdie fest ensued. Doug Mein, Roger Hatton, NL

## Seashore Juniors formed

**SULLY** Centurions Cricket Club and Barry Wanderers Cricket Club are joining together to form Seashore Juniors - a new venture for junior cricket in the Barry and Sully area.

Junior net sessions will commence next Thursday at the Colcot Sports Centre, Barry (7.30-8.30pm) - under-9s and under-11s are particularly welcome, but older children are also most welcome to attend.

The new junior club will also be taking part in the ECB 'All Stars' competition for five to eight-year-olds. More details can be found at [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars).

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## Athletic show battling qualities to record win



**Centre Tom Jenkins tries to break a tackle v Cambrian Welfare.**



**Outside half Stuart Morris offloads to flanker Ben Howe.**  
ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON.

**SHOWING pride, determination and sheer courage, Bridgend Athletic survived a final five-minute siege on their try line of Alamo proportions by a far more physically endowed Cambrian Welfare outfit to complete a deserved 14-8 victory on the day.**

Cambrian, looking for a Division 1 East Central league double, faced a far different side from that back in their November triumph. The Athletic, on a roll of seven victories in their last eight games, are now a different proposition both in personnel, attitude, organisation and game expectation and the win moves them to fourth in the table.

The Athletic were boosted by the return of long term injured outside half Luke Bevan easing himself back in at full back. Bevan's excellent high hanging drop start to the game enabled Cambrian flanker Sean Williams to tap the ball back to hooker Lee Murphy, who released captain Ben Howe to charge into the Cambrian 22.

When scrum half Aled Thomas released the backs via outside half Stuart Morris, the home side were caught offside and Bevan kicked the resultant penalty to give the Athletic an opening

He seemed destined for a try but having to wait for the restart, slow to gather the ball from the scrum half Thomas sent him enough prop

time to come across and halt him just short of the try line.

Cambrian came more into the game and when the Athletic conceded a penalty, outside half Julian Huntley reduced his side's half-time deficit to 8-3.

When Cambrian opened play just inside the Athletic half, a thumping tackle by Howe saw the ball dislodged and Howe seized possession to race to within 10 metres of the home try line before the cover defence halted the move.

The Athletic pack were well on top in the opening quarter with good carries from prop Matthew Muir, lock Ben Cording and flankers Howe and Sean Williams.

The pressure led to a penalty which Bevan kicked for a five-metre touch.

Hooker Murphy found Cording, who, in a training ground wraparound move with Williams, saw Cording set up a driving maul.

Despite Cambrian holding considerable weight advantage a well organised low driving maul saw eventual man Howe charge into the match Cording driven over the try line to give the Athletic an 8-0 lead.

Athletic No 8 Will Barraclough then seized on a dropped pass inside and Bevan kicked the resultant penalty to give the Athletic an opening

He seemed destined

sacrificing wing Owain Leyshon for the sin bin period.

During this time in the 65th minute Cambrian flanker Luke Riley broke down the blind side and outstripped the Athletic cover to cross wide out to reduce his side's deficit to 11-8. The Athletic brought on speedy flanker Cameron Thomas to shore up their defensive efforts. Another long relieving kick from Morris put the Athletic back into the Cambrian 22 where Athletic pressure forced a penalty.

"There was also a huge contribution from youngsters Will Barraclough, Tom Davies and Tom Jenkins, while replacements Nathan Holman, Matthew Norman and Cameron Thomas put in a huge defensive effort when under the cosh in the closing stages. Our kicking game from half backs Thomas and Morris and full back Bevan was also good on the day.

The coaches were pleased with the win and despite the team not playing to its full potential we have acquired winning habit and dug deep in the closing minutes showing great character.

With long term injured players Luke Bevan and Cameron Thomas returning to the squad and the contribution of veteran Stuart Morris to call on things look bright for the remaining five games of the league campaign.

It was a double celebration for captain Ben Howe who 36 hours earlier had been with his partner Jade at the birth of their baby daughter Adalyn. Congratulations both from all at BARFC.

Next up for the Athletic is a home game at Newbridge Fields on March 2 against Llantrisant with the Athletic determined to erase memories of the lowest point of their season, which lit the spark for their upsurge in fortunes.

The Athletic team manager Paul Hearne summed up the Athletic

## Tondu show their defensive strength in superb victory



**Paul Smithson scores a try. PICTURE BY GARETH ANTHONY.**

**TONDU produced another solid defensive display against Waunarlwydd, scoring three sensational tries in a 21-6 win.**

The opening points came from the boot of Waunarlwydd centre Andrew Spowart through a sixth minute penalty, but the home side's lead was short-lived as the Tondu backs produced a sensational move finished off by centre Sam Graham. Josh Tatchell's conversion sailed between the uprights.

Another Spowart penalty brought the home side within a point, before further Tondu back play saw Sam Graham score his second try, with Tatchell again adding the extra points for a half-time score of Waunarlwydd 6, Tondu 14.

The second period saw Waunarlwydd throw everything except the kitchen sink at their visitors, but for the second week in a row the Tondu defence was impregnable and created the platform for another outstanding performance.

**Mike Sully**

## Disappointing result for Maesteg Celtic

**MAESTEG Celtic travelled to high-flyers Glynneath searching for their first away win in National League Division One. Once again they had to include players with little first team experience.**

As usual, the Celtic set piece was solid with the pack and backs defending well. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for their efforts in broken play as the home team ran in five tries from some distance. The first half

were fiercely contested with the Celtic front five

of Tom Evans, Morgan Reeves, Sean Lambert, Rhys Bevan Jones and Alex Jones defending well and taking every opportunity to carry the ball at their opponents. The back row of Mark Hillier-Rees, Jonathan Davies and Captain

Oliver Petty were always in the thick of the action with Davies being voted Celtic man of the match.

The half backs, Cameron Jones and Matthew Harris, distributed well and made many excellent cover tackles. Centres Lee Arthur and Lewis Jenkins held the line well but could not find the way through the home rush defence.

Celtic back three of Neil Arthur, Aaron Williams and Morgan Lloyd had little attacking possession but counter-attacked whenever they could.

Glynneath went ahead after 10 minutes when their outside half chipped over the defensive line on halfway and after gathering the ball he took play to the Celtic line where their pack secured good possession which allowed their outside half to touch down near the posts, a try which he converted.

Glynneath scored immediately from the kick off to secure a bonus point and then repeated the feat from the next kick off to make the game safe.

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